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Sophomore Stephanie Gibbon finds herself pulled into a pool of mud in the spring spree tug-o-war. Although not a typical place for college students, the mud pool seems to be a fun place to visit.


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# CAMPUS-MOVING

## RECORD ENROLLMENT SETS

Excitement could be felt all over campus as the final days of fall registration closed on what appeared to be another record-breaking enrollment. Until the final count could be tabulated, everyone speculated on the increase in numbers as science, math, psychology, and English class rolls expanded to over load. The final count revealed a record 1828 students, a 7.6 percent increase over the 1995 record! Students and vehicles filled the campus! Even with the expanded parking on South Campus and at the new allied health and child care building, many new parking areas were created by innovative drivers! The East Mall area, the Miller Memorial Park area, and the gazebo in the Harrison Memorial Park became centers of activity as students gathered to exchange information about classes, assignments, and activities or to enjoy the beauty and warmth of the out-of-doors. Laughter and the sounds of joyous voices floated through the air as students mingled about the campus, going from place to place.

Mrs. Betty Doty, sophomore dorm advisor, had rather dance anytime than just sit and watch the students have ALL the fun!

Students make new friends as they wait to retrieve the "red" folders so that they can seek out advisors for scheduling help.



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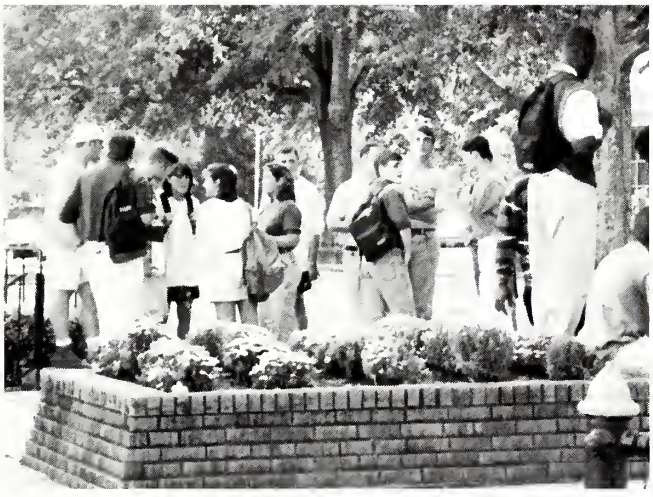
The East mall quickly fills with students between classes or as the students wait for the cafeteria line to open. They seem to be in no hurry to "get" any place particular.



Yashica Wash and Robert Earl Shepard work together to get their team into place for the Spring Spree relay championship.

# GLOBE-TROTTING

Wooden shoes, the Rhine River German Castles, open-air markets, English Countryside, and the Olympic games all became realities for several students and staff members. Sophomore Olivia Hamill traveled to Europe with other students and some faculty members. Places of interest and fascination for her included Paris, Cologne and London. She stated "Every new experience was so wonderful; It was hard to believe anything better could come along, but it always did!"

Administrative members made their way to Germany to study the German workforce training program. They were able to tour, among other places, the Meissen's China factory and to talk with employees at the Mercedez-Benz factory.

Art instructor Bruce Guraedy pilgrimaged to England to study Roman artifacts as an Earth-Watch team member in an archaeological dig at Arbeia Roman Fort in South Shields. He spent part of his work time drawing pottery shards and pieces of bronze found at the site.

While these EC members made treks around the European Continent, Alice Pouncey and Juanita West each traveled to the Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta to watch, among others, softball and track and field events. The two seemed to agree that "nothing could equal to witnessing the events and experiencing the excitement in person, watching the world come to us."

Olivia Hamil tries on a BIG pair of wooden shoes in the Clog and Cheese factory in Volendam, Holland.

Johnny May, assistant band director, waves as he parades along with Olympic team members. Alice Pouncey, Psychology Instructor, (Top Photo) wears her Olympic hat as she enters the gates of the olympic equestrian trials.

Bruce Guraedy, Art instructor, stands among the Roman Ruins, ready to begin his days work on the dig.

Dr. Phil Sutphin, Dean of Instruction, gazes at the various objects available in the open-air market in Dresden, Germany.

Sandra Lampkin reaches way back as she prepares to attack the approaching softball as it crosses the plate.

Golfer Ben Myers follows through with his putt as he watches the ball headed toward its target on the fairway.

Diamond Warriors celebrate as they move closer to their first Region 23 appearance.

Gary Butler and graduate Carla Kelly discover during the Spring Spree games how difficult it is to make haste - even when two heads or four legs are better than one!

# "Cooking" Up Challenges

Gather the following ingredients:

* fresh air and bright afternoons
* olympic fervor
* youthful energy
* sports

Mix well and savor the result: springtime at ECCC!

Campus life really began to "cook" as warm weather returned to Decatur. While waiting for Atlanta's Games to commence, students indulged in their own "Spring Spree Olympics." Teams battled each other in such hotly contested events as the three-legged race, the tug-of-war, and the sack race. Eggs were tossed, balloons were burst, and EC's finest ran wildly around campus with spoonfuls of beans. A dance extended the gaiety past sunset.

The "boys and girls of spring" celebrated in a less lighthearted way as the golf, softball, tennis, and baseball teams taught their rivals new lessons in skill and determination. Of special note were the Diamond Warriors, who accumulated a record-setting 31 season victories and achieved a first-time appearance in the Region 23 Tournament; and the ECCC Linksmen, who placed 2nd in the MACJC Division 3 Golf Tournament. As the mild days grew longer and sultrier, EC's first impulsive burst of energy moderated into a routine more suitable for a Deep South summer. But the camaraderie and the joys of friendly competition lingered.

A recipe for success had been tested — and would be tried again and again.

Women's tennis team member Angela Hayman works to improve her service, which is a valuable weapon in the game.

# *The Moment of Truth*

The pin.
The cap and gown.
The solemn moment of recognition that the world is waiting.
The delighted faces and joyous applause of families and friends.

ECCC's graduates experienced all of these as various ceremonies celebrated the climax of months of hard work. Heralding a new era for the college were the 20 recipients of the newly-offered Associate Degree in Nursing; continuing the tradition of medical excellence were the graduates in surgical technology and licensed practical nursing. Proud bearers of "the pin" that announces their achievement, these men and women will soon be providing skilled care for Mississippians.

Commencement exercises on May 10 boasted a record number of candidates for graduation as 360 men and women exuberantly embraced the future. Valeria Buggs, a President's List Scholar and member of the college's Hall of Fame, pointed the way in her commencement address, assisted by Lorene Graham, Missouri Ferguson, and vocalist Staci Strebeck.

Where are we going? Where have we been? EC's graduates knew the answers as they touched the pins, brushed at the tassels, and smiled nervously at the audience. The world was waiting.

Dr. Jane Hurst, ADN Instructor, proudly pins Nurse Joyce Ellis during the pinning ceremony for the members of the first graduating ADN class. The class of '96 now faces the reality of two years of deep, consistent study and training for work in health care areas.

A Surgical Tech graduate lights her candle as she accepts the challenge of excellence from instructor Janice Jacobs.

Spring graduates joyfully receive diplomas from Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President.

LPN graduate, Jamie Johnson receives his pin from instructor Sandra Thomas.

The largest graduating class ever waits to make the final exit out of the stadium.

Lori White concentrates on her keyboard work while surrounded by the exciting sights and sounds of the summer Atlanta Olympics.

The Collegians enjoy an afternoon performing in the park for the olympic spectators.

Tom Carson, director, takes the spotlight during the Collegians' command performance at the National Phi Theta Kappa Convention in Washington, D.C.

Saxophonist Matt Eakes thrills fair-goers with his soulful renditions as Stacie Strebeck provides acoustical assistance and Director Tom Carson accompanies on the electric guitar.

# "Gold Medal" Glory

Standing ovations.
Cheers from technical crews.
Accolades ranging from the nation's capital to the 1996 Summer Olympics.

Who else but the Collegians would deserve such recognition, as the vocal/instrumental group introduced the world to music with an EC flair.

Joining athletes in Atlanta as they celebrated 100 years of olympic glory, the Collegians, the only Mississippi act invited to participate, performed at the World Amphitheater, Woodruff Park, and Hurt Park — an exceptional honor, noted Mr. Tom Carson, the group's director. "All the other groups were lucky to get one chance to perform at this historical event."

The talented young men and women, selected by audition, also thrilled a wildly enthusiastic crowd of approximately 4300 people at the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention in Washington, D.C. "A group of professionals couldn't have done better," insisted Mrs. Ann Burkes, who accompanied EC's Theta XI chapter to the convention. "I was so proud I couldn't do anything but burst out in tears." She added that the sound and lighting crews serving the convention also appeared "overwhelmed" by the group's polished presentation.

Collegians perform on stage at The World Amphitheater during the Atlanta Olympics.

The Collegians didn't forget the folks back home, however, as demonstrated by their skillful performance at the Neshoba County Fair and other local appearances.

Talent. Discipline. Style. The Collegians taught world audiences how ECCC defines these words and in doing so brought home a few "gold medal" memories.

# *Field, Court, Classroom*

He Works at Pizza Hut.
He is Pakistani but goes "home" to Forest on weekends.
He plays cricket, soccer, ping pong — and tennis.

He's Asif Iqbal, a member of EC's tennis team, and he and his teammates won recognition as the MJCAA Academic Men's Tennis Team, 1995-96. Their 3.49 GPA was one of the top averages in the nation among community/junior college sports teams.

Iqbal and his teammates were in good company: the Warrior golf team was named the NJCAA Academic Golf Team, 1995-96 — their 3.7 GPA was second best in the country; seven students were named NJCAA Academic All-Americans, 1995-96, honoring both athletic and academic achievement; and several outstanding student participants in football, basketball, baseball, and golf were selected First-Team All-State, 1995-96.

Other honors heaped on EC students included Chris Gomillion's selection as a 1996 Guistwhite Scholar, one of only 10 in the nation and establishing ECCC as #3 in the nation in the number of Guistwhite Scholars named from a specific college. In addition, students in the LPN and surgical technology program won awards in the 1996 HOSA National Competition.

Too often, a community college in a predominantly rural area is dismissed as provincial and inadequate. EC's scholars and athletes are changing that image.

Just ask Lee Wylie, Jennifer Alexander, and Melody Reed. Just ask Asif Iqbal.

Asif Iqbal of Pakistan and a member of the NJCAA Academic men's tennis team of the year says, "As a foreign student who has many problems with the language, it is great to be recognized on the all American team."

LPN students are recognized for national honors won at the HOSA Competition. From left are Lisa Taylor, health poster - top 10; Lori King, knowledge test - 3rd place; Kim Estes, medical math - 3rd place; Frankie Beckham, administrative medical office - top 10.

Chris Gomillon, a 1996 graduate and recipient of the Phi Theta Kappa Guistewhite Award, presides at the regional Phi Theta Kappa meeting.

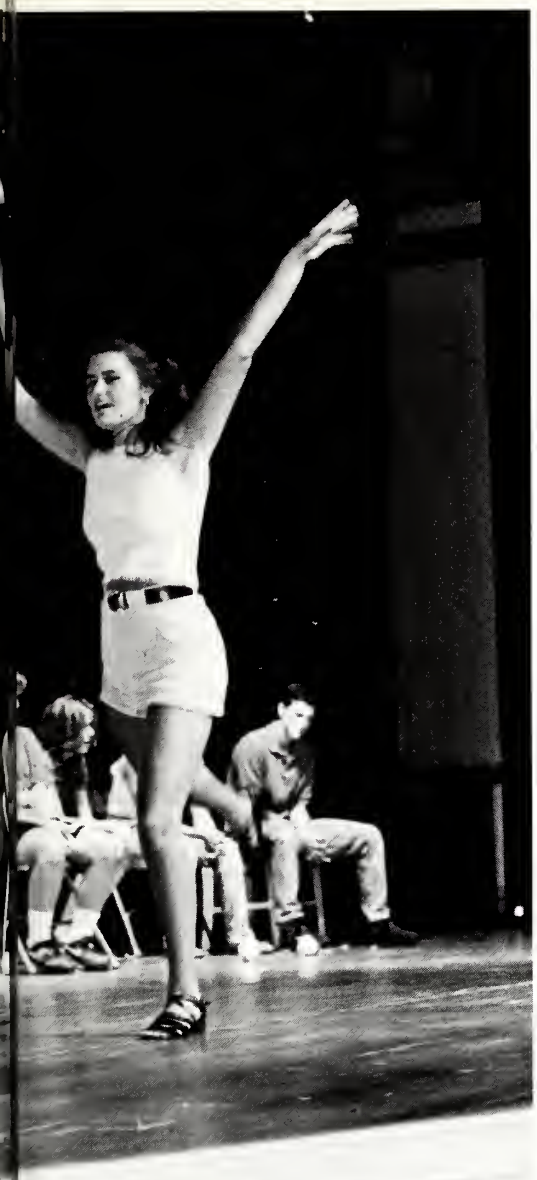
Reza Bazyari, the new State VICA president is congratulated by VICA advisor Al Bailey.

Surgical Tech students placed in the Top 10 in the skills and knowledge competition in the HOSA National Competition. With instructor Janice Jacobs are, from left, Rhonda Sheely, Rochelle Reid, and Dawn Bailey.

Toshika Raggs runs in track and field event as directed by the suggestive power of hypnotist Col. Wallington.

Jamie Sanderson, Tommy Alford (left) and Jim Stewart help themselves to picnic "dogs."

'Round Mid-Nite' blues band members (left to right) Ryan Clarke, Nic Massey, Johnny May, Tom Carson, and singer Shawn Hauser entertain the picnic-goers.



LaRee Lyle carefully walks the balance beam as directed by Col. Wallington during the all time favorite hyponist show.

# *A New Year "Takes Root"*

The first-of-the year activities are always a fun and creative way for new and returning students to get acquainted with each other and the campus. This year, the events were diverse and active enough to allow almost every personality a chance to blossom.

The watermelon cutting on the mall gave students a chance to "meet and greet," with Shawn Hauser setting the tone with a lively rendition of "Mustang Sally."

At the Tuesday picnic, 'Round Midnite, ECCC's blues band, added musical spice to the traditional hot dogs and hamburgers.

By far the most popular event was an extraordinary performance by skilled hypnotist Col. Wallington, who within 15 minutes had eleven students dancing at an imaginary party and straining to lift a heavy pipe. Cheryl Watkins of Lake found the show "hilarious" as did Chrissy Davis of Louisville, Victor Parker of Houston, Texas, and Michelle Noblin of Lake.

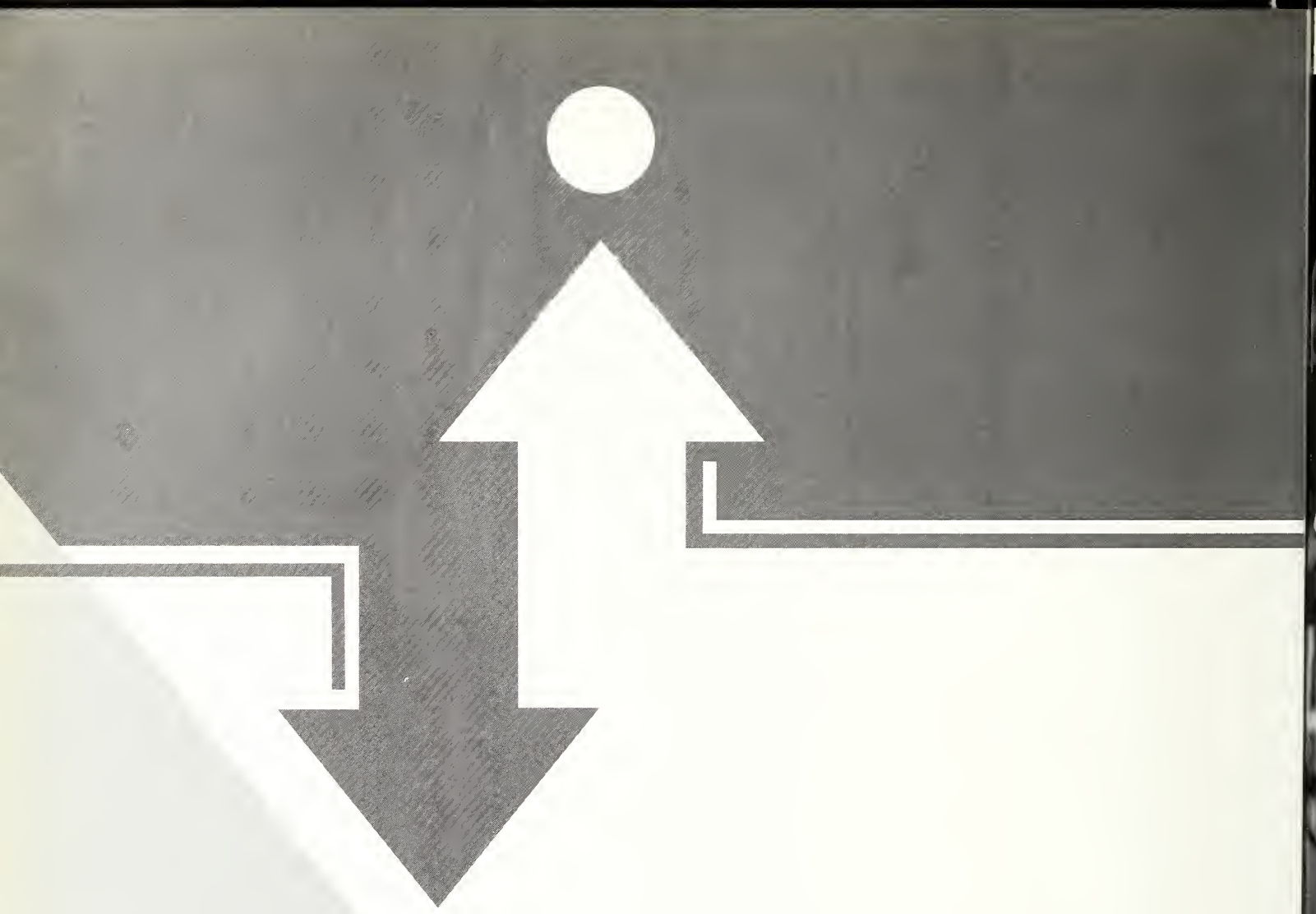
The traditional back-to-school dance was also a success with many students, including Carolyn Gladney of Louisville, Denise Overstreet of Newton, and Tywan Stafford.

Jenetta Bell of Forest also noted that the BSU Redneck Olympics was a hit.

As the campus settled into a familiar class routine, the friendships rooted in the music, laughter, and food of back-to-school activities flourished.

Another productive EC year had begun to flower.

(L to R) Christy Temple, Tiffany Russell and Regina Wilson, share "roving-eye" moments with each other as they discuss the new campus scene.



# STUDENT LIFE

Freshmen Centralettes sing for students as a part of their initiation.

Lisa Harrison and Erin Craven share the winning smiles even when they are not performing.

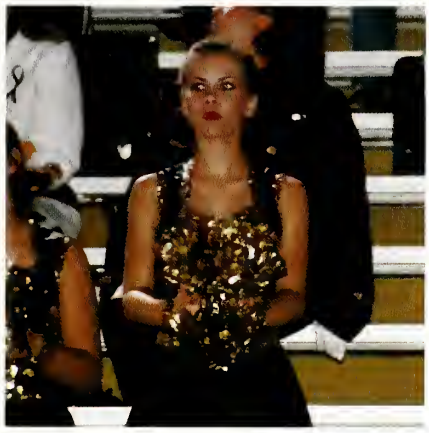
Brandi Atkinson plays to the spectators as the dance line performs with the Warrior band.

*A demanding initiation molds*

*unseasoned recruits into a*

# *disciplined* DANCE SQUAD

The Warrior Band Centralette dance squad were the epitome of beauty, class, and talent. These lovely ladies have graced our football field during half-time shows for decades, adding a little spice with their wonderful dance routines. Speaking of this year's group, LaRee Lyle, Centralette Captain, said: "I have never been associated with a group as talented and dedicated as this group of girls were." But, as befitting such an elite group, it's not all that easy to get in. In addition to the tough try-outs, new candidates must suffer through a rather demanding initiation ceremony.



Jessica Hollis watches the action on the field as the Centralettes prepare to create spirit with the pom-pom routines.

As part of their induction, freshmen Centralettes were pulled from their beds at 6:00 a.m. on registration day by their sophomore contemporaries. Not allowed to comb their hair or even to brush their teeth, they were then adorned with red or yellow shower caps, fake mustaches, children's sunglasses, and outrageous face paint. Dressed in white shorts, black or puke-green colored knee-high nylons, white shoes, and hideous shorts with "Centralette" written across the front, they marched across campus for all the enrolling students to observe. Initiate Kelly Alexander found the experience interesting but also embarrassing. "It was kind of embarrassing, walking around in shower caps and knee-highs." said Alexander, "but we got through it. We met a lot of people since we had to get 50 guys to sign our shirts." By the middle of the day, the Centralettes were tired, but the sophomores were not through with them yet. The new squad members were lined up in the cafeteria and made to sing "Hangin' Tough" for all the students. After everything was completed, Alexander remarked, "This experience brought us all close together as a squad, and it *was fun!*"

The Centralettes were the only organization on campus that actually had an initiation ceremony, and the routine work was often demanding. Lyle reported, "There were weeks when we practiced 12 hours. Being captain of the squad certainly added stress to my life, but to lead this talented group was such an honor." And what do the members of the group receive from their experiences? Lisa Harrison said that she developed, "a sense of pride and dedication for my school." But no matter the demands, the members of the squad displayed great love for their feelings, "It's hard work but well worth it!"

*Dance Team*

What a difference a day makes! Freshman Centralette initiate Mandy Sanders graciously shows off her "plastic" hair style, her lovely accessory glasses, and her handle-bar mustache - not exactly the dress expected from a dance drill-team member!

Nena Gressett ponders the choices of the selections offered in the "Brandables taste-testing" served up by Sysco food reps while Jonathan Sharp distributes ballot choices.

Lillian Blalock and Denise Whitfield leave Newton Hall as they move on to the next class session on another part of the campus.

The Union bunch: Christie Conrad, Misty Smith, and Dan Hendon enjoy the pretty weather and the picnic, proving to Christie that even in a cast there are still ways to move from place to place.

# FINDING YOUR WAY

Warrior Corps members gather to get new assignments for the recruiting and service responsibilities that they will perform each month.

"Am I learning anything?"

"Yes — how confusing college can be!" you might have sighed as you met your roommate for the first time or walked into chemistry class without recognizing a single face. No one to eat with, no one to walk with you to the library — you couldn't wait for the weekend and a chance to go home. Would it always be like this?

"Am I learning anything?"

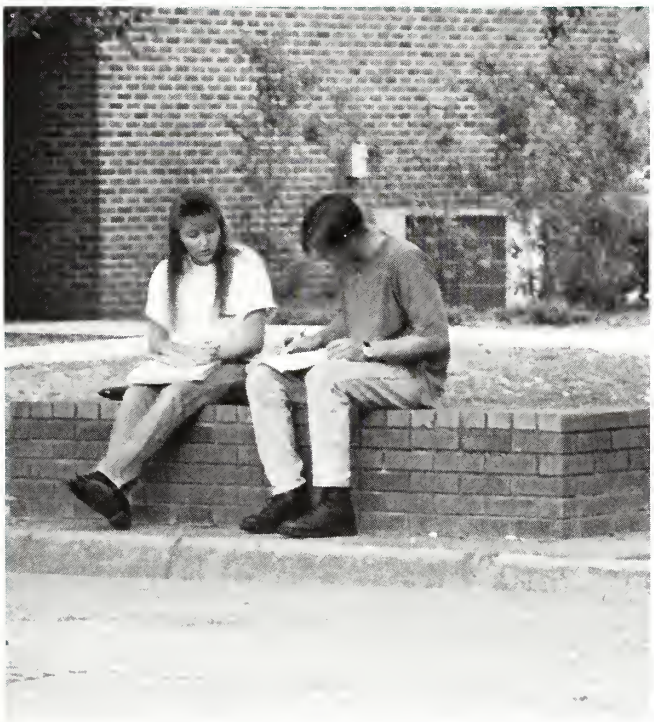
"Yes — how strange college can be!" you might have muttered as you realized that college instructors seldom provide the "mothering" to which you're accustomed and that a guy in your sociology class doesn't look, think, or talk like the folks back home. Laundry doesn't do itself, you've discovered, and getting to class or work on time is tougher when there's no one to make you do so.

"Am I learning anything?"

"Yes!" you might have happily shouted as the semester drew to an end. The people in speech class have "walked through the fire" with you; dinner in the school cafeteria is no longer a traumatic experience, and your English instructor praised one of your essays. Goals are within reach: the LPN program, a role in the musical, graduation. New goals can be set: transferring to Southern or State, working at a local hospital, being a better parent to your kids.

"Am I learning anything? Am I going anywhere?"

"Man," you think as you eagerly head out the door, "I used to ask some really stupid questions!"



Tina Sistrunk and John Hill take advantage of time between classes for some extra study on those genetic questions that will surely be on the biology test.

Campus Pics

Student demographics make campus life more alive and interesting.

Amanda Posey and Phillip Triplett (representative of the typical campus demographics), focus on the choices they have as they make their way through the various activities on campus.

*Who were we once?*

*Who are we now?*

# *Just Typical* STUDENTS

She is a single, full-time academic student under age 23 who commutes to East Central, probably from somewhere in Neshoba County. It's 1986. Ronald Reagan is President, the Voyager 2 spacecraft is tantalizing us with unique glimpses of Uranus, and *The Color Purple* is a best seller.

She is a single, full-time academic student under age 23 who commutes to East Central, probably from Neshoba or Newton Counties. It's 1996. The country has re-elected Bill Clinton, movie theaters continue to celebrate Independence Day, and the Braves have lost the World Series to the Yankees.

Hey, what is this? Is EC caught in a time warp? Does anything ever change in central Mississippi?

Well, yes — and no.

East Central's strengths include its ongoing commitment to American values, its high academic and technological standards, and its desire to successfully serve its five-county extended neighborhood. These things will never change. But the people in that extended neighborhood — and therefore the demographic make-up of the college — do change. Despite the portrait painted by the profiles above, EC's student body is no longer exactly as it once was.

The numbers complete the picture. Total enrollment in 1986 was a mere 946; in ten years the college's student population nearly doubled to an astonishing 1828. Academic students have always formed a major segment, a trend that continued in 1996 with the group representing 72.6% of the student body. Though full-time students continued to dominate, part-timers began encroaching on their territory; they made up over 30% of 1996's total enrollment.

Freddie Jowers and Mark Thomas swap advice with each other on how to block defensive moves in basketball and football plays.

"A woman's place is in —" as the saying goes. Well, women found a place at EC. In 1986 females barely outnumbered males; in 1996, primarily feminine voices responded to instructors' questions in the college's classrooms.

Ethnic and racial diversity remained nearly constant from 1986 to 1996; most of EC's students were Caucasian, African-American, and Native American, and many of them called Neshoba and Newton Counties home. But the college's aggressive recruiting did draw more students from other counties, especially Leake; young people from other countries-notably Pakistan and Russia-found a home with the EC family; and central Mississippi's growing Hispanic population will no doubt prove significant in the future.

A striking change was revealed in the residence status and age of students who attended EC in the last ten years. In 1986 just over 50% of the student body commuted to classes; that number rose to 71.6% in 1996. Although most Warriors are under the age of 23, the 23-and-older crowd expanded from 26.6% in 1986 to 36.7% in 1996.

What does all this mean for ECCC? The campus is suffering growing pains, despite the acquisition of South Campus and the construction of the Associate Degree Nursing/Childcare building. Parking remains problematic, as with most colleges. Meeting students' needs as Mississippi spirals into the 21st century will challenge faculty, staff, and administration. Fortunately, the college is more than capable of facing these challenges and dealing with them. EC will continue to do what it does best — guide and inspire hearts and minds.

It's 2006. Who's walking into the classroom now?

Karen Thomas, Juanita Gardinski, Stephanie Cotton, Karen Frazier, Elray King, Chris Lewis, and Norma Bacon set-up a display of handmade items in celebration of National Native American Week.

Tonya Williamson shares a laugh with J.B. Ware as they move through the picnic line to prepare that all-American meal of hot dogs and baked beans.

"Another time, another place?" Jeremy Swindle and Lee Rigdon demonstrate a look of barbershop quartet days-not Boyz 2 Men days!

# FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHTS HOMECOMING

EC alumnus and Garth Brooks impersonator Pat Kirby "wowed" a Homecoming audience months before the Garth Brooks tour swept Mississippi.

Homegrown talent was the centerpiece of ECCC's Homecoming Week as Warriors old and new mingled on campus and proved that the college was definitely the "Best Pick in '96."

As students selected a queen and her court, the traditional tennis tournament demonstrated East Central's multifaceted athletic abilities and launched the Homecoming celebration.

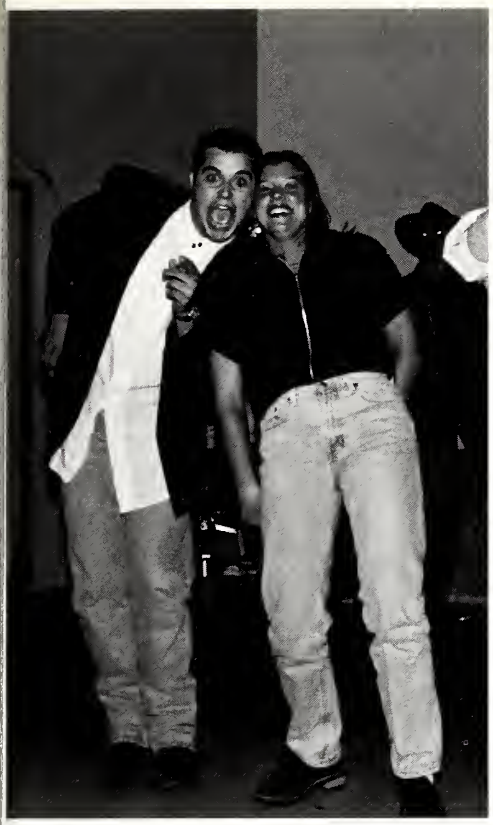
Especially exciting was the return of alumnus Pat Kirby, whose "Tribute to Garth Brooks" not only showcased the popular country-western musician but also allowed a hometown boy to "strut his stuff" before an enthusiastic crowd.

With the approach of Homecoming Day, spirits continued to rise as students prepared signs and banners for campus display; the ECCC Players' "Oscar-winning performance" won the hotly competitive sign contest. The Homecoming Court was presented to the student body at a pep rally/bonfire; football fever blazed as students cheered the undefeated gridiron Warriors. A golf tournament later in the week gave yet another example of the talents and skills fostered by the college.

A tragic automobile accident involving several EC students prompted the postponement of Saturday's game and revealed the college's community spirit as it mourned lost and injured friends. Unity and fellowship touched with sadness highlighted Homecoming Day's reunions and luncheon as the week's activities ended.

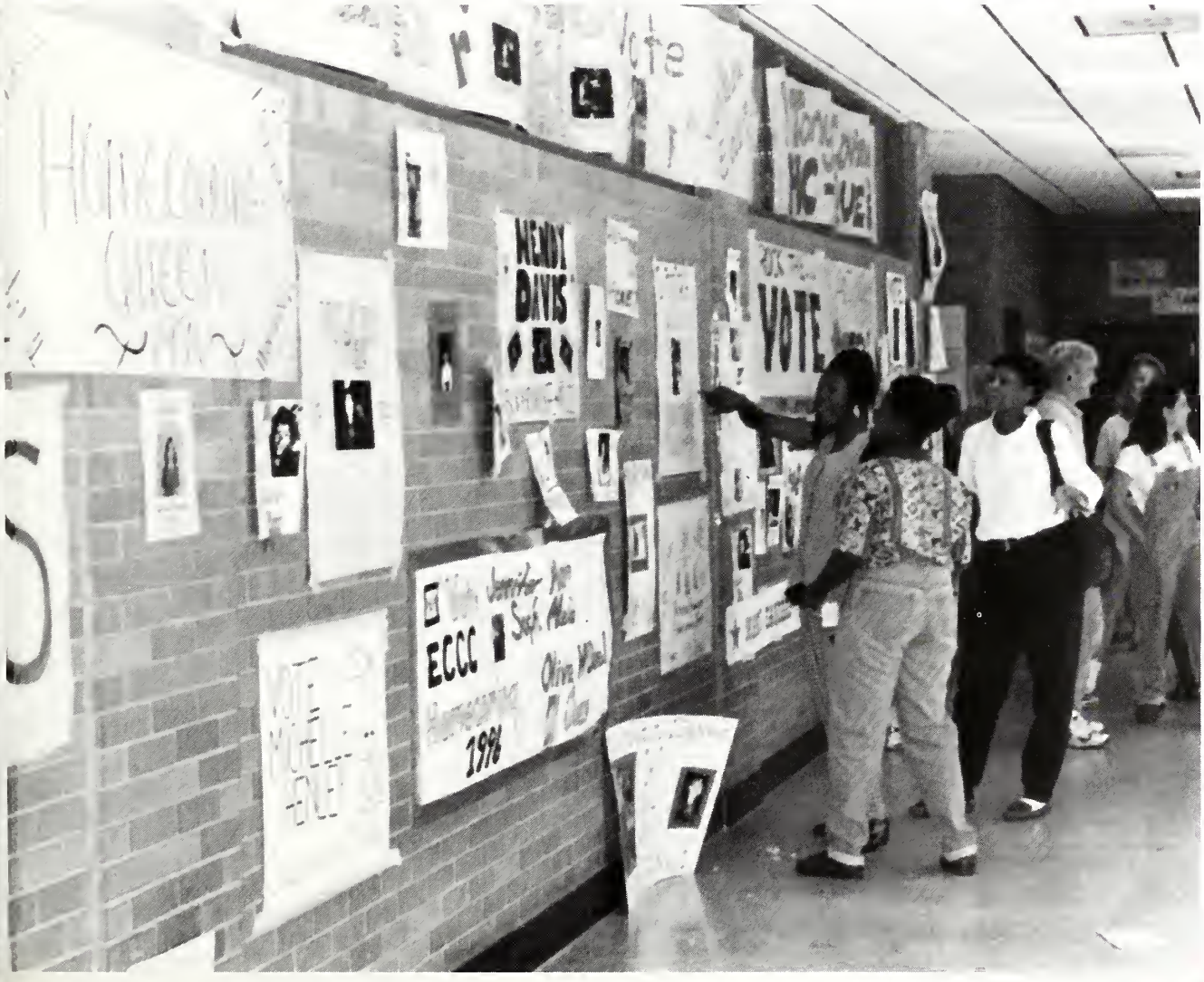
One hallmark of a successful institution is its "grace under fire." Homecoming Week 1996 was East Central Community College at its best as the college fondly recalled the past, dealt with the sometimes painful reality of the present, and looked toward the future with determination and zeal.

The glowing bonfire makes a radiant backdrop as the Centralettes perform the famous kick-steps for the homecoming pep rally.



Shawn Houser and Emily Jenkins get into swing with the music at the Pat Kirby concert. Was it mostly for the photographer's benefit?

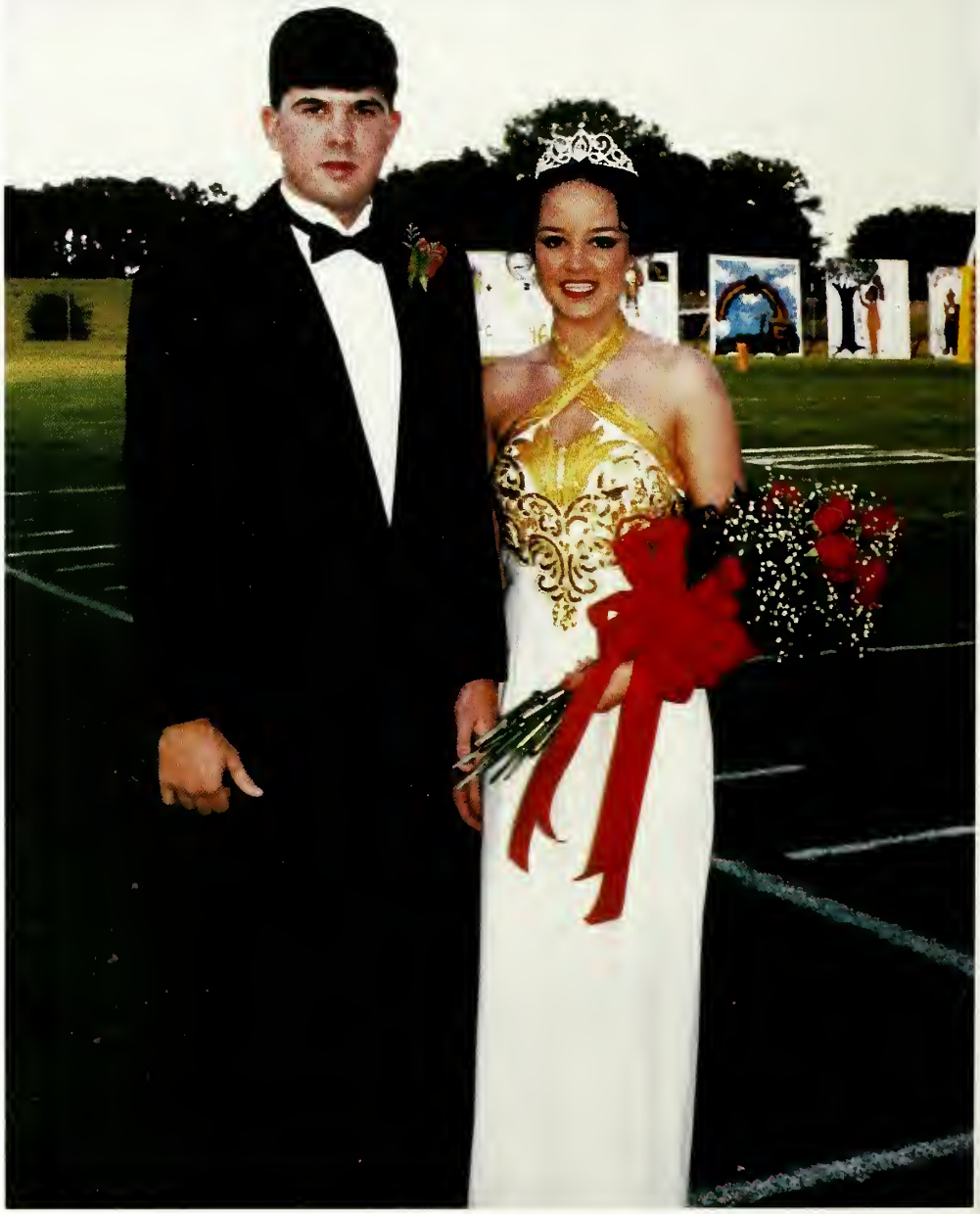
Amy Spears donates blood as other students wait in line to do the same during a replacement blood drive given to aid EC students involved in a Homecoming Week car wreck.




Kim Hays, Menola Kincaid, and Kamonica Craig browse through the hallway, looking at the numerous campaign posters used to help students to make a choice on their Homecoming ballots.

The Homecoming Court poses after introductions to the enthusiastic supporters who came to witness the half-time crowning ceremony at the EC-Jones game.

Maid-of-Honor Olivia McDaniel and escort, Danny Wilkerson II, share their joy of being a part of the Homecoming activities.



Queen Karen McRae and her escort Ben Myers reign over the half-time activities as all attention turns to the recognition of the court.

*Queen and court*

*Reign over a*

# *Poignant* HOMECOMING

A brilliant moon aided the field-lights, bringing spectators' faces into sharp focus. Conflicting emotions stirred the crowd: pride in a hard-hitting team, joy in a queenly smile — and sorrow for a missing Warrior.

This was the mood as Homecoming '96 climaxed with the presentation of the queen and her court during the EC-Jones game late in October. The JJC band prefaced the festivities with an exciting performance that whetted appetites for a fiercely contested game between capable rivals. Poignancy mellowed the rivalry, however, as fans realized the significance of the "20 NR" that graced each Warrior helmet.

Dr. Eddie Smith, President, crowns Homecoming Queen Karen McRae during the Thursday night half-time of the EC-Jones game.

Queen Karen McRae, escorted by Ben Myers, royally presided over the evening with the help of maid of honor Olivia McDaniel; sophomore maids Jill Martin, Whitney Salter, and Jennifer Musgrove; and freshman maids Ramonica Craig, Quanta Hill, and Mandy Sanders. It was a moment that Karen had not seriously anticipated. "I was totally shocked when I found out," she remembers. "I'm just a simple person and I really wasn't expecting to win." The new queen *did,* however, expect the Warriors to win — something she evidently made very clear to fiancé Jake Kizziah, quarterback for the undefeated EC team. "Our relationship depends on the whole season," he half-seriously insisted to a news reporter. With true love and happily-ever-after at stake, what else could the Warriors do?

The college's band added its own triumphant note as it saluted the royal court and distinguished instructors and alumni with a superb blend of music and dance that featured horn and drum solos and a colorful Centralettes routine.

A post-game reception capped the evening with tempting refreshments and an opportunity for EC supporters to congratulate Queen Karen and her maids. Instructor Leesa Wilkinson's keyboard performance provided a sophisticated background for the laughter and conversation.

It had been a bittersweet night: elation tinged with sadness, pleasure tempered by pain. Many, as they left the campus, watched the moon set — and remembered.

*Court Fun*

Maid of Honor Olivia McDaniel graces the Homecoming Court with as much relaxation as she also seems to enjoy on the basketball court.

Warrior Corps members assist with registration as alumni return to the campus for Homecoming alumni activities.

Alumna Sue Bennett Fulcher shows her pure delight in being on campus and renewing acquaintances and sharing memories with friends.

Alumni President Dan Harrison presides over the luncheon which serves as a climax of the alumni activities.

# ALUMS' TUNEFUL FEAST

"Play it again, Willie" seems to be the thoughts of alumni Frances Chason, Louise Vance Walton, Jo Cooper Graham, and Elton Hurt Glassco as they enjoy the harmonica rendition by Williston L. Chason.

The stirring notes of East Central's fight song hung in the crisp October air for a moment. Band practice? No — performance — and the players were all, well, *seasoned* participants.

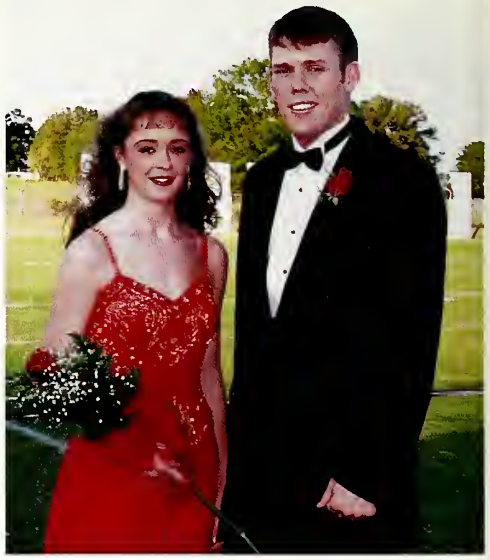
The scene was the 1996 Alumni Luncheon, part of the Warrior Homecoming festivities that had begun earlier that day, and the music was skillfully provided by the Alumni Band. Bill Rowzee, the oldest member, pounded the bass drum, and Gary Moody coaxed magic from his saxophone; Johnny May, Tom Carson, Scott Lewis, William Simkins, and Jim Mosley added their own musically creative touches. Corinne Neal as band director focused the group as they thrilled over 400 EC supporters who had just enjoyed a sumptuous buffet and were in the mood for good music.

The band set an inspiring tone for the luncheon as Dr. Smith and Dr. Sutphin awarded the class of 1946 their golden diplomas and recognized the college's Academic Instructor of the Year, Charles Hinson; the Vo-Tech Instructor of the Year, Jimmy Dempsey; the EC Alumni of the Year, Ray Britt and Brenda Whatley Kirby; and four new members of the Athletic Hall of Fame. Also identified and praised were the oldest alumnus in attendance, the alumnus who had the most family members in attendance, and the alumnus who traveled the greatest distance — Corinne Neal of Huntington Beach, California.

Earlier in the day, faculty, staff, administration, and alumni savored the beautiful autumn weather as they admired Homecoming signs and banners and renewed fond acquaintances. All classes ending in 6 met, as did the combined classes of 1935, '36, and '37. Members of the EC baseball teams coached by Tom Cheney, 1957-1961, had an especially warm reunion.

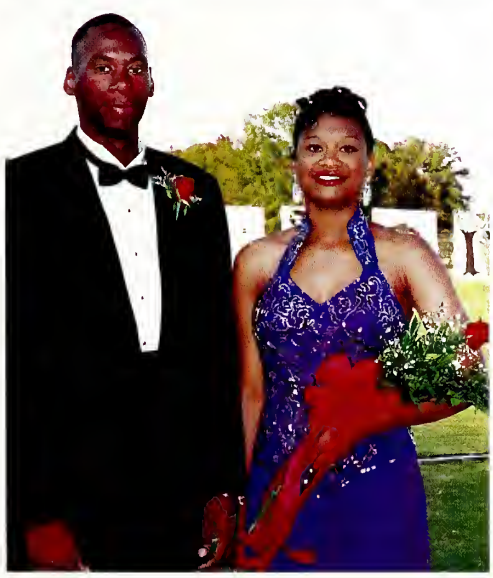
Although the events were dimmed by recent tragedy and the subsequent postponement of the football game and traditional reception, most agreed that Homecoming — *Best Pick in '96* — was a success ensured by the record attendance, fine weather, and intense loyalty of Warriors past, present, and future.

The Alumni Band members thrill the luncheon crowd with selections from favorite period musical numbers.

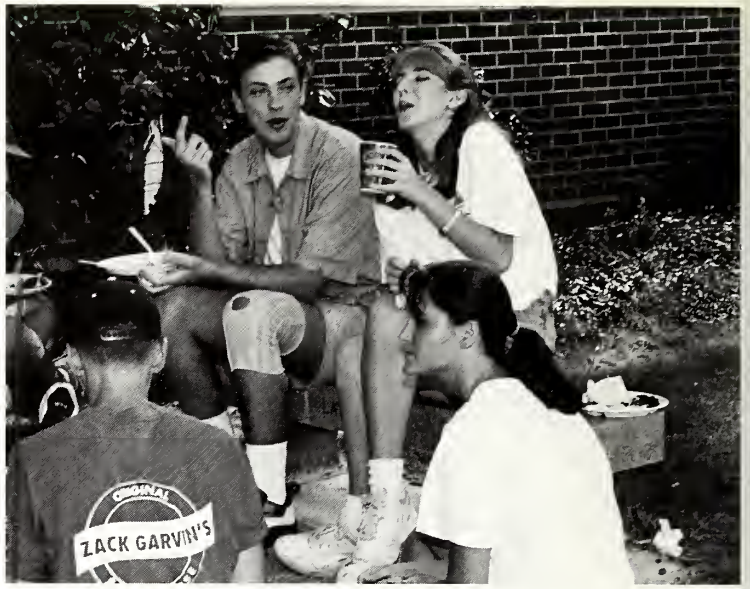


# HOMECOMING

# MEMORIES



# DISCOVERING ROLE MODELS




Emily Bullock shares insights about the most recent event which has occurred in the band as Richard Edwards tries to decide what he has to eat.

Helen Keller
Barbara Jordan
Keri Shrug
Martin Luther King
Colin Powell

Christopher Reeve ...

Russian student Max Lobentovich observes the student groupings as the natural leaders seem to come forward and command attention. He sees something special in everyone.

The words from the 90's hit, WIND BENEATH MY WINGS, remind us that in every stage of our lives, we develop a hero — someone we admire and strive to emulate. Role models provide the influence, the encouragement needed to set our goals for achievement.

Childhood heroes - "Mighty Mouse," "Superman," "Wonder Woman" - taught us that strength should be used for right and that good will conquer evil. It is from the role models who are a part of our lives - mother, father, grandparents, friends, national figures-that we learn character development, ambition, and the determination to succeed.

Freshman Emily Bullock pointed to her father L.B. as her hero. "He is my hero not only for the example he has shown through the life he has lived, but also because of the way he lives his life everyday."

Biology instructor Ron Davis also pointed to his father Aaron C. as his role model. Davis said that his father taught him his sense of responsibility. "He worked everyday, fed us, gave us what we needed, and did what he was supposed to do as the leader of our family. He was and is fantastic!" Davis credited several people for giving him a direction in education: James Vance, his high school principal in Meridian; Raymond McMullan, his Sunday School teacher and fellow educator; George Mason, his biology instructor at EC; and Dr. Shelby Harris, his math instructor at EC. Of Harris, Davis said: "As a student, I watched his teaching style and found it to be very effective." Now, Davis serves in the same capacity that Mason held and is a member of the Division chaired by Harris!

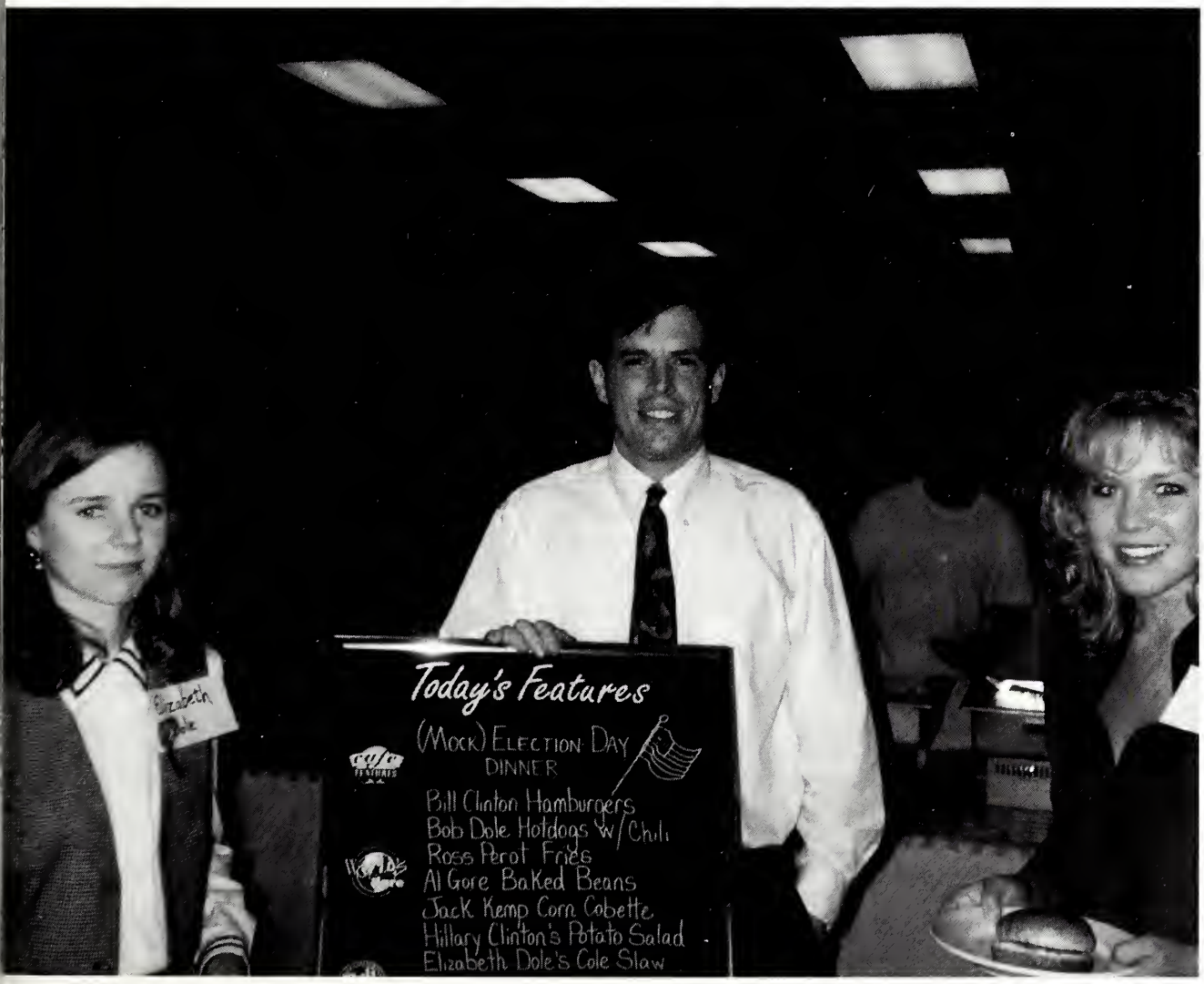
Russian student Maxim Lobentovich likes different qualities in different people because he finds everyone so very interesting and special. Since coming to America in August of '95, Maxim has felt very accepted. "I hadn't expected to meet people here with common interests," stated Lobentovich, "but I don't feel like a stranger with anyone here; there's something special about each person I've met in my life."

Who is your hero? Whose role model will you be?

"I can fly higher than an eagle,
You're the wind beneath my wings!"

Ron Davis looks to several people who have been role models for him. Now he models roles for his son and his students.

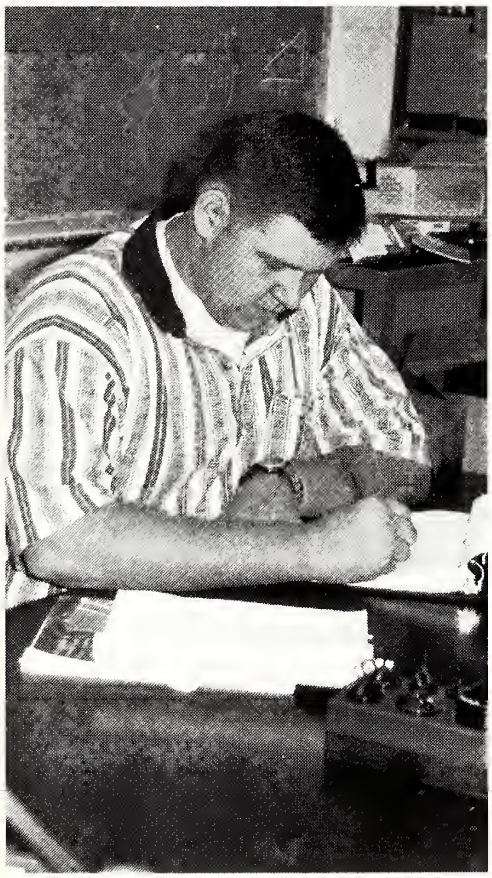
Michelle Ergle, vo-tech instructor, demonstrates instructional models for her students even as she herself models an example of educational values.

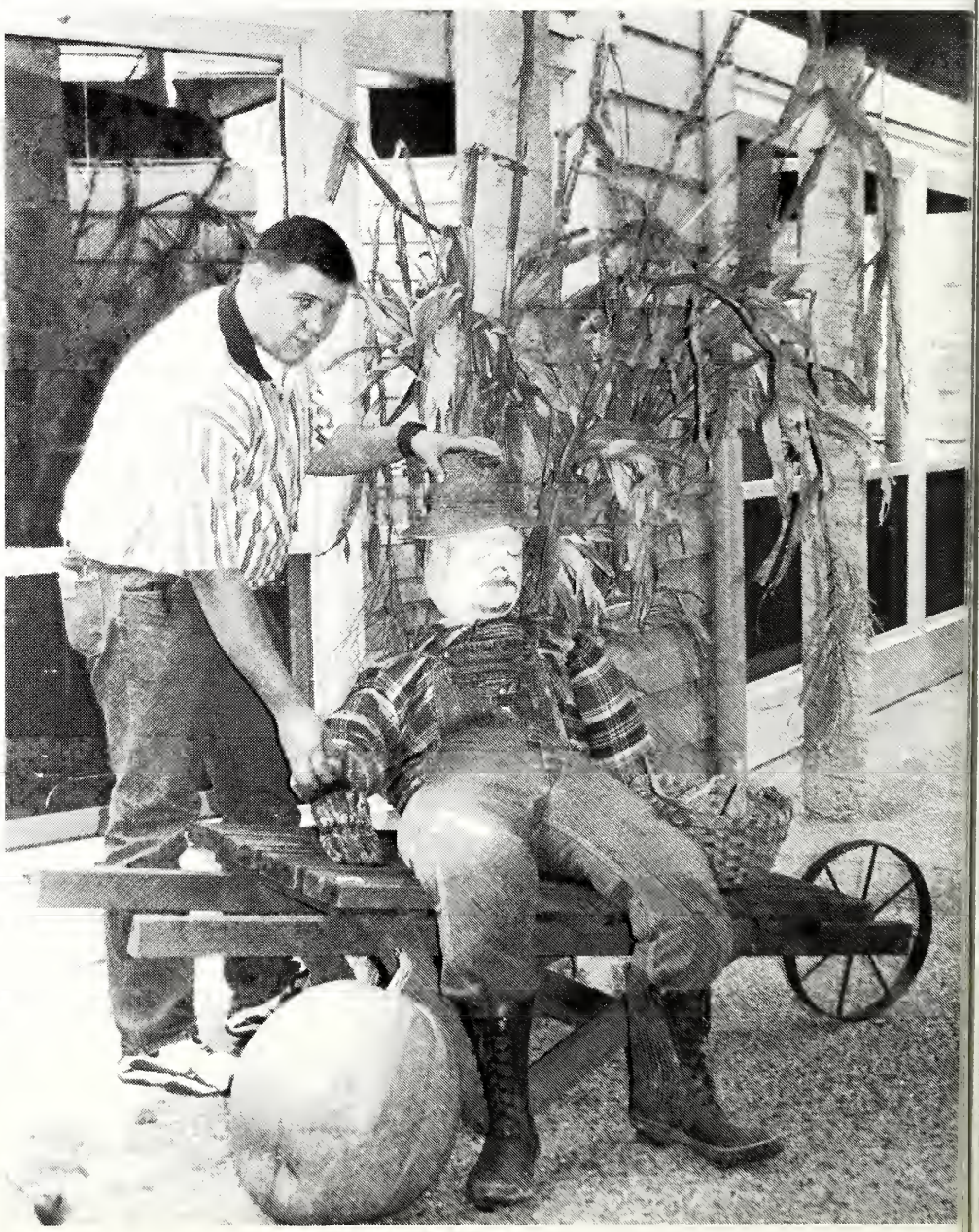



Elizabeth Dole (Stephanie Taylor) and Hillary Clinton (Jill Martin) join cafeteria manager Jack Shaw for the election-day dinner as the Phi Theta Kappa members modeled roles to encourage students to vote.

Sammy Lovett rides through the gates of the maintenance headquarters at Roosevelt State Park.

Lovett discovers that physics lab requires mathematical skills for the plotting of graphs and the construction of figures.





Sammy clowns as he puts finishing touches on the fall display in front of the Alfreda Lodge at Roosevelt Park.

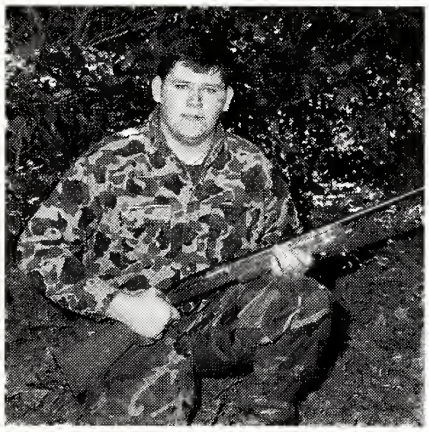
*The Real Story:*

*Not just a*

# *Walk in the* PARK

"Boy, students today have it so easy," sighed the visitor as he strolled about the campus. "I just dreamed of such an easy time when I was in school."

"I know what you're talking about," his companion replied as they moved toward the cafeteria's Gold Room for a meeting. "These kids today have so much time on their hands — that's why they stay in trouble. Nothing interests them but crazy music and TV."



Hunting of any kind is Lovett's passion. School and work often require that he get to the woods at first light.

This familiar refrain is heard all too often when generations mingle — and it might be true of some young men and women — but Sammy Lovett isn't one of them.

Walking in Sammy's footsteps during a typical week amply demonstrates just how wrong some people can be about students in the '90s. A hectic mixture of school, work, and church, Sammy's schedule paints a more realistic picture of life for many central Mississippi college students.

8 A.M. during the fall term at East Central Community College often found Sammy dressed and preparing for his first class: physics on Tuesdays and Thursdays; and first aid later in the day on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Other courses included speech, composition, and creative writing, Sammy's favorite. Attending EC is a Lovett family tradition, one which Sammy is glad to continue. "I love it here," he insists.

Being an EC Warrior isn't the only tradition that Sammy is upholding, however. As a member of the landscape staff at Roosevelt State Park, he works with his uncle and is gaining valuable experience for a career in parks and recreation management. Mowing grass and planting flowers might seem mundane to some, but Sammy knows better. He recalls the time a large mower slid on a hill and rolled over on his partner, Grant Franklin. Sammy saw the accident and pulled him free with a tractor — a demonstration of self-discipline and crisis management if there ever was one.

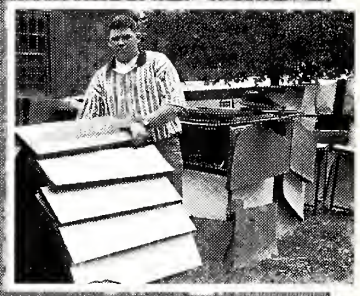
Not content with a secular education, Sammy understands the importance of a spiritual one as well. A member of Parkway Baptist Church in Morton, his hometown, Sammy is active in his youth group and particularly enjoyed the three-day retreat in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, that he attended in December.

In addition to his church activities, Sammy hunts and fishes — a typical Saturday would find him picking up his dogs or hooking up his boat by 5:30 A.M. Eagle Lake near Vicksburg and the facilities at Roosevelt State Park are favorite "fishing holes." Shooting pool and playing foosball at the Panther Den in Morton help Sammy relax when the fish aren't biting.

Couch potato? Nope. Irresponsible, lazy kid? No way. Dangerous hoodlum? Get real. Sammy Lovett is proof that there's more to life for many young Southerners than yawning in front of the boob tube or selling drugs on street corners.

*Work Ethic*

Sammy Lovett finds that a career in park management comes to him naturally. He has grown up on the grounds of Roosevelt State Park



in Morton, which has provided a family work tradition. His father worked several years at the park. Now, Sammy is employed at the park where his uncle is his supervisor.

Pageant winners are congratulated by Dr. Eddie Smith, President.

Most Handsome, Shawn Houser

The pageant spotlight falls on these winners: (L to R) Amy Smith, Bryan Madison, Jill Martin, Todd Blackburn, LaRee Lyle, Shawn Houser, Krisan Risher, and Megan Young

Most Beautiful, LaRee Lyle

# "BEAUTIFUL" WINTER RESPITE

Cold. Dark. Wet. Christmas was a golden memory. The New Year celebration had come and gone.

Shivering as they entered Huff Auditorium, EC supporters could only shake the rain from their coats and umbrellas and think wistfully of summer. It was a dreary prelude to the college's annual beauty pageant, but if anyone could make the evening a success, it was Mrs. Virginia Pace, the experienced and talented director.

And succeed she did. Surrounded by latticework, columns and magnolias, crowned with moon and stars, the audience forgot the Southern winter outside and delighted in the Southern summer inside.

Warmly welcomed by Dr. Eddie Smith, spectators were introduced to the pageant judges and beaus by Mr. Lance Pittman. Competition then began with evening wear, followed by selection of the top 10 contestants and the next round of competition. Punctuating the festivities were musical performances by Miss Marci Hollingsworth, which gave the judges opportunities to make selections--a formidable task with so many "magnolias" from which to choose.

One of their choices was Amy Smith, for whom the pageant was a new--and pleasant--experience. "Everyone in the pageant was real nice and friendly," recalls Amy. "I think the pageant was very organized. Also, I had the chance to meet new people I go to school with."

The evening climaxed with the announcement of East Central's Most Beautiful, LaRee Lyle, and Most Handsome, Shawn Houser.

It had been a magical night: a few hours of respite from the miserable January weather. Still basking in the festive air created by the pageant, audience and participants alike found the cold, damp evening a little less oppressive as they hurried home. Spring, they assured themselves, would certainly be here soon.

Shawn and LaRee relax and enjoy their moments in the spotlight and under the cameras!

# *Magical Night*

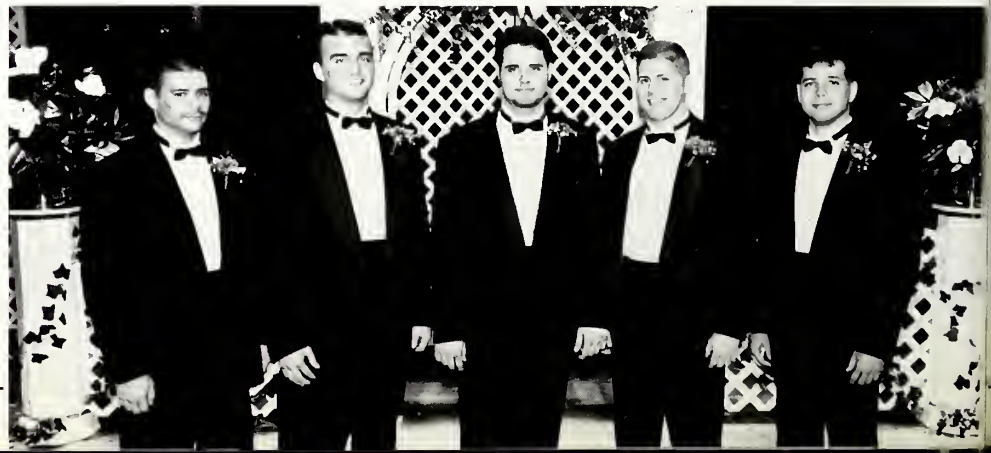
Beau Todd Blackburn and beauty Jill Martin

Beauty Amy Smith and beau

Beau Sam White and beauty Krisan Risher

The final five beauties and beaus take a formal pose for the camera.

*Shawn and LaRee*



The top ten finalists became the top eleven as judges could not break a tie!

Beauty Megan Young and Beau Bryan Madison

Most Beautiful LaRee Lyle and Most Handsome Shawn Houser.

# DRAMATIC TRADITION of EXCELLENCE

Emily Bullock and LaRee Lyle create convincing and intriguing suspense for the audience.

We take it for granted; the cheerful greeting at the door, the tempting buffet, the attractive table setting.

It seems to happen effortlessly; the colorful set, the fine performances, the thoughtfully organized evening.

It all comes together magically three nights each year. For a mere $12.50 we are welcomed, fed, and entertained; we are never, NEVER disappointed.

"It" is East Central Community College's dinner theater, an annual event that in 1996 lured spectators into the world of Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap."

NOT disappointing the audience has become director Judy Carroll's trademark. A speech/drama instructor at EC, Carroll has for seven years made dinner theater a satisfying experience for sell-out crowds. It's a daunting task made possible by talent, dedication, and hard work. Fortunately, at EC there is plenty of all three.

Take the cast, for example — an exciting blend of veteran performers and eager newcomers. "The Mousetrap" is a classic "Who dunnit" that brings an intriguing group of people together in a boarding house. While a snowstorm rages outside, murder and mystery keep things hot inside. Maxim Lobentovich as Detective Trotler probes the secrets of the guests, who included Molly (Lisa Harrison), Christopher (Richard Edwards), Mrs. Boyle (LaRee Lyle), and Major Metcalf (J. B. Ware).

The drama was a solid hit for the young performers, despite the limitations of set design imposed on all dinner theater productions. Carroll, who previously directed the play at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in the late 1980s enjoys the challenge and notes that EC's talented actors outperformed those in the Oklahoma production.

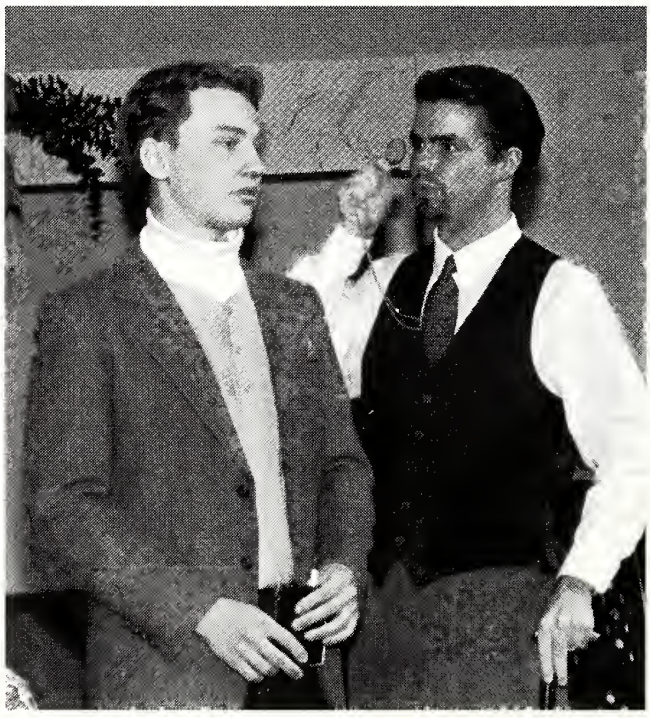
Then there's the food: lots and lots of food, expertly prepared by Jack Shaw, Manager of ARA Food Service and his staff. A typical EC dinner theater features an artfully arranged buffet that more than answers the question "What's for supper?"

A delicious meal, a thought-provoking drama, clever acting and staging — what else is needed for a successful evening? Great service, of course. The Warrior Corps are the work-horses of EC's dinner theater as they prepare the table settings, greet guests and escort them to their places, and in general provide the kind of hospitality that has made the South famous. Behind-the-scenes guidance by faculty members Alice Pouncey, Ann Burke, Bruce Guraedy, and Linda Baucum ensure quality control.

It seems so easy, we think as we push aside our plates, adjust our chairs, and smile at the young man or woman filling our glasses. I could do that, we say to ourselves as we watch students bring characters to life just a few feet away.

But as we applaud the performance and pull on our coats we know better. The illusion of effortlessness requires effort.

The ECCC Players have done it again.



Ben Wall scrutinizes Max L. with a suspicious nature.

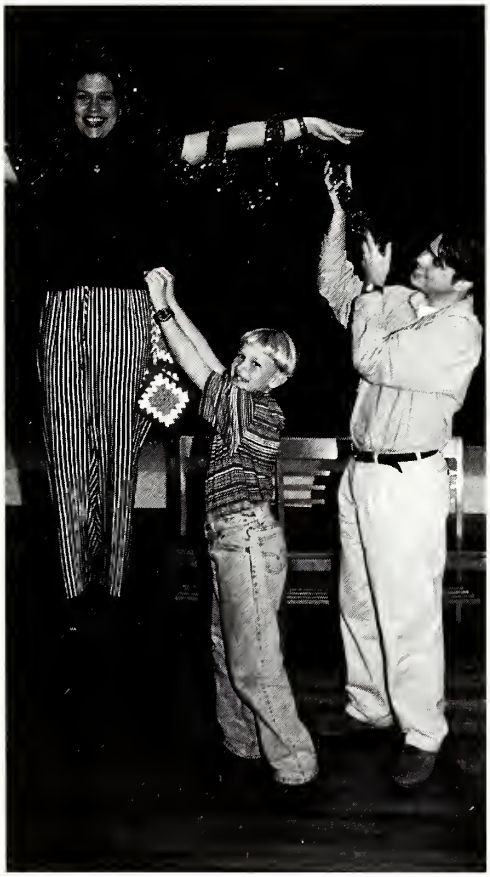
Major Metcalf (J.B. Ware) engages Mrs. Boyle (LaRee Lyle) in a heated conversation.

Christopher (Richard Edwards) greets Mollie (Lisa Harrison) with a courtly gesture as her husband frowns upon the action.

The characters of "The Mousetrap" each looks as if the trap may be sprung on them as the Detective questions their motives.

Chorus members take a break from MAME rehearsals. (front L to R): Laura Anderson, Jessica Jordan, Amanda Moore, Sissy Greer, Shelia Oliver; (middle): Richard Edwards, Corey Robinson, Michael Scarbrough, Max Lobentovich; (back) Andrea Sam, Amy Gomillion, Detra Cater, Karen Persons

*HAUL OUT THE HOLLY* sing Lisa Harrison, Colby Amis, and Ben Wall as the two young men decorate Lisa with Christmas tree trimmings.



Cast members for the spring production of MAME include: (front L to R) Laura Anderson, Jessica Jordan, Amanda Moore, Colby Amis, Sissy Greer, Shelia Oliver, (middle): Richard Edwards, Corey Robinson, Ben Wall, Max Lobentovich, Michael Scarbrough, Jim Savell, (back): Andrea Sam, Amy Gomillion, Lisa Harrison, LaRee Lyle, Emily Bullock, Detra Cater, Karen Persons

*Feasting on Life:*

*An Exuberant Performance*

# *Echoes a Dramatic Lesson*

Stop for just a minute and think about your relatives — all those kinfolk that descend on you at Thanksgiving and Christmas. What are they like? Which is your favorite? Who among them has most influenced your life?

Audiences who savored LaRee Lyle's vivacious performance as the title character in the ECCC spring production of *Mame* were almost certainly asking themselves these questions as they left the Vickers Fine Arts Center.

*BOSOM BUDDIES* Mame (LaRee Lyle) and Vera (Emily Bullock) clown around as they rehearse for the spring musical.

An eccentric New Yorker who raises an orphaned nephew to believe that "life is a banquet," Mame is a character that Lyle, a broadcast journalism major from Lena, was probably born to play. She auditioned for the role because "Mame, in many ways, is a lot like myself. She's outgoing, loves to sing and dance, and has a good sense of humor." Lyle added that she "thought the role would fit (her) personality" and that the character would be "a lot of fun to portray."

What seems like an exciting challenge at an audition can turn into drudgery during rehearsals, but Lyle described the eight-hour-a-week *Mame* practices as "great" and had nothing but compliments for her co-star, 4th grader Colby Amis, who portrays Mame's nephew Patrick. "He's adorable when he sings," she said. "It touched my heart."

An enthusiastic performer, Lyle first became involved in drama at East Central in last year's production of *The Music Man;* her newfound skills served her beautifully in the '96 dinner theater presentation of "The Mousetrap." "Some of my best memories here at East Central have been during the drama productions I participated in," she noted fondly.

*Mame* was Lyle's last dramatic role at EC. As she prepared to leave Decatur for Hattiesburg and the University of Southern Mississippi, her fans consoled themselves with memories of her as the music world's favorite auntie.

Enjoy life's banquet table, LaRee. Feast heartily and well!

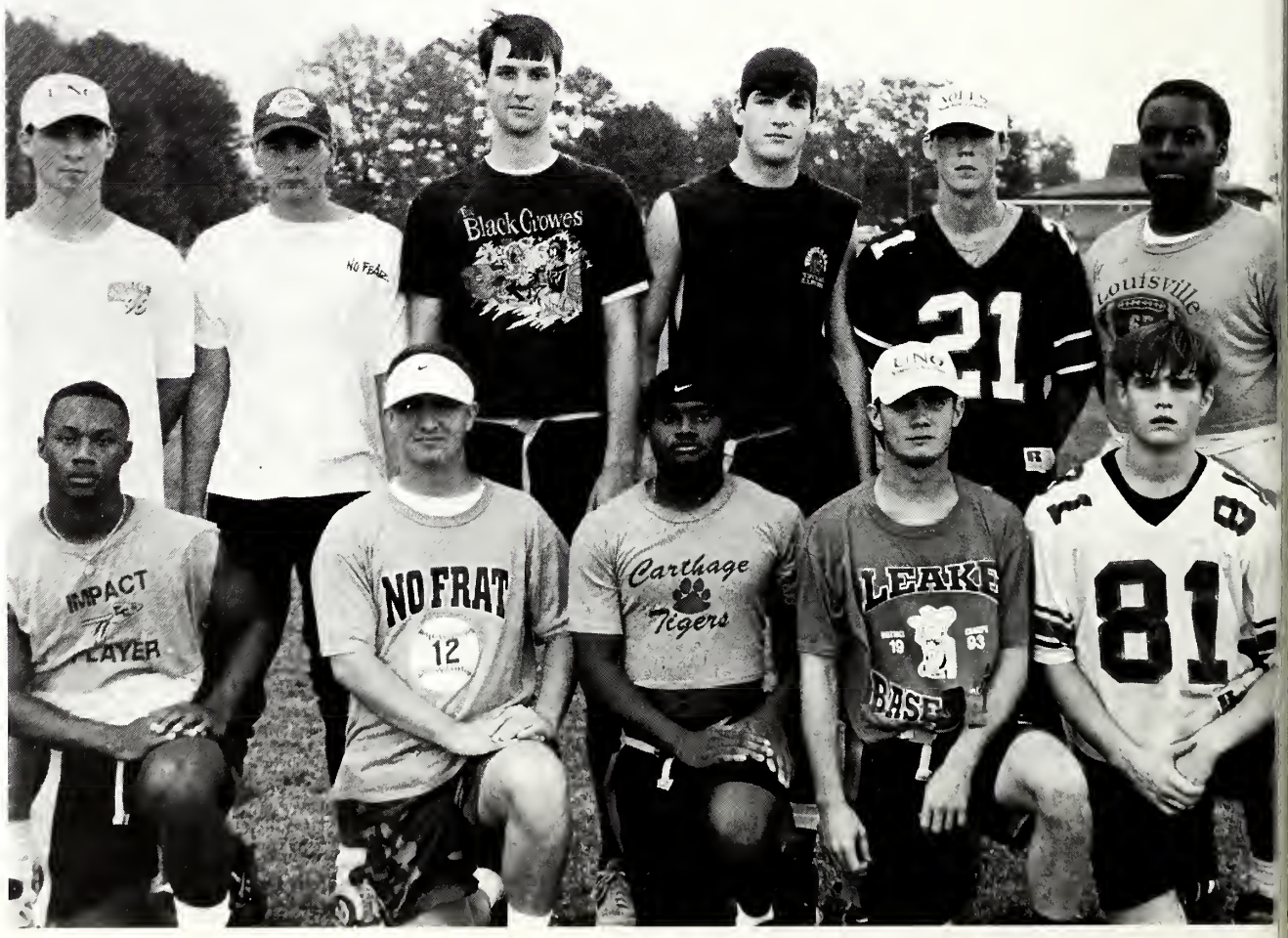
*Mame* Fame

Members of the "Moon Chorus" in the musical *MAME* begin practice on the dance interpretations which accompany the singing. Practicing positions are (L to R) Jessica Jordan and Amy Gomillion.

3-on-3 basketball champs: (from L) Lawanda Shepherd, Kristie Ware, and Mary Williams call themselves "Sneaky."

"Help, help! I'm caught in a trap!" yells Ryan White as Chris Banks and Deundre Smith circle him.

"Pallbearers" intramural football champs: (front L to R) Chris Banks, Mack Stubbs, Deundre Smith, Jason Manuel, Bobby Morris; (back L to R) Kenny McMillon, Phillip Blackwell, Anthony Palokas, Shad Sanders, Brian Sistrunk, LaVonsa Holmes



# VICTORY SOUNDS SWEET

3-on-3 basketball champs: (from L) Steve Richardson, Marc, Jones, Jamie Hamil; (back) Davis Fulton, Raland Burks call their team "EC Heat."

EC Heat"
High Performance"
Sneaky"
Pallbearers"

The answer: Who are campus intramural winners?

"High Performance" and Pallbearers" were flag football teams which marched ight to the victory showown. After successfully efeating the other competiors, the final outcome rested n the shoulders of these eam members. The "Pallearers" team had a record of -1. Each player wanted the ampus bragging rights to the flag football champions"! purred on by the cheers of heir best and closest suporters, these teams took heir friendly rivalry very eriously. On this day, the Pallbearers" did the most ffective job of "putting way" the opposing team. he spoils of victory were heirs to claim!

In the student activity gym, pirits rose to enthusiastic heights as the 3-on-3 basketball intramural competitions claimed center court. Students take their basketball seriously-whether on the court, courtside, or in front of the TV.

Even though 3-on-3 involves a different kind of play than regular round ball, bragging rights to the basketball champ was definitely a goal for all these players, both men and women.

"Sneaky"
"EC Heat"
"Pallbearers"

The names are deceiving. The intended outcomes were much more serious than the humor of the team names implied!

"Pallbearers" team members move in to bury the football on their way to another victory!

Royal Pair

Mr. ECCC- Ben "I love accounting" Myers

A physical therapist in the making- Jennifer Musgrove, Miss ECCC

*Mr. and Miss ECCC:*

*Fellowship Lights the Path,*

# *Eases the Journey*

"Poetry in motion" with a civilized air- Mr. and Miss East Central

It *could* be a tough question to answer: Who best typifies student life at EC?

Fortunately, campus voters had no trouble selecting suitable representatives. With their diverse interests, scholarly pursuits, and social grace, Jennifer Musgrove and Ben Myers elegantly exemplified the greatest strength of central Mississippi and East Central Community College: talented, ambitious young people.

A physical therapy major from Carthage, Musgrove was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Warrior Corps, and the Lady Warriors basketball team. She also served her freshman and sophomore classes as vice-president.

Myers, an accounting major from Philadelphia, was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Phi Beta Lambda, the President's Council, the Warrior Corps, and the golf team.

Both Musgrove and Myers are enthusiastic supporters of EC and consider its people — students and faculty — to be one of the best things about the college. "EC has influenced my life by allowing me to meet new people and get involved. It has made me more outgoing," commented Musgrove. Myers echoed her words as he noted that attending the college had led him to new friends. "I feel I have grown stronger in all these phases of my life (physically, intellectually, emotionally, spiritually) after attending EC," he added.

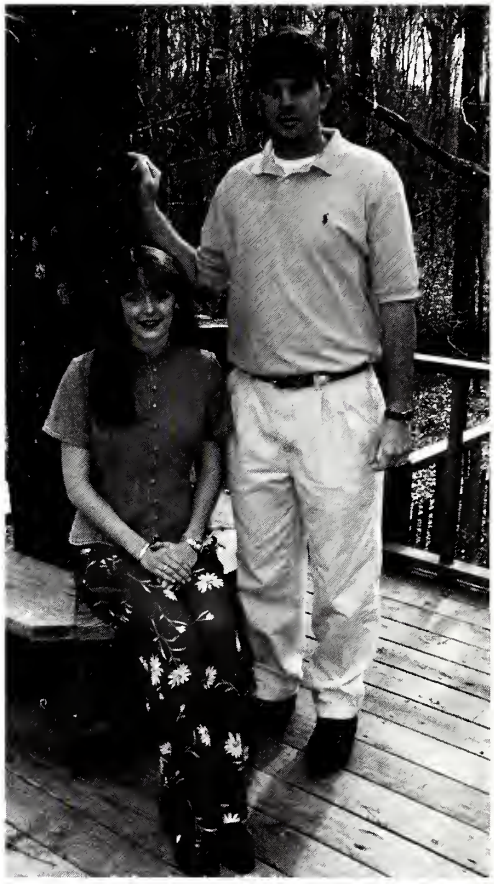
Some of that "growing stronger" phase involved intramural basketball games and being with friends in the dorm. As he prepared to attend Ole Miss, Myers hoped he would be remembered as "a person people would look up to and a nice person to be with." Relationships were also an important part of the Warrior experience for Musgrove, who said she'd miss "knowing that I'm a person, not a number, on campus." Spring Spree, she recalled, encouraged her to "interact with all of the other students on campus and the faculty. Like Myers, she too wanted to be remembered as "outgoing, a person that can be a friend to everyone."

Personal growth for both students was strongly influenced by two significant role models. Myers respects A.T. Williams, his employer; Musgrove applauds her father for his "great personality," his hard work, and his enjoyment of life.

As representatives of the best that East Central has to offer, Jennifer Musgrove and Ben Myers leave behind them an important legacy: a challenge to all Warriors to learn from the past, revel in the present, and embrace the future.

Ready to take on the world: Jennifer Musgrove and Ben Myers can't wait!

"Whose woods these are I think I know"- Jennifer and Ben enjoy a quiet afternoon in the Smiths' outdoor retreat.



"What a time we've had!" recall Ben and Jennifer with a smile as they admire Dr. Smith's antique clock.

# LEARNING GROWING LIVING

The Freshman Class Favorites assure the photographer that chivalry is not dead.

They come from Lena, Morton, Sebastopol, Union. They leave all that is familiar — hometowns like Louisville, Madden, Forest.

During the first few weeks everything is disturbingly foreign. Nothing, it seems, is like home, and many wonder if they have made a terrible, painful mistake.

That was then. This is now.

And "now" means that friendships have been kindled, challenges have been met, and a few of life's lessons have been learned.

It's a great feeling, according to East Central's Class Favorites.

"I feel like the instruction that is being given to me here at EC will prepare me for the real world," says Brian Hardy, an elementary education major who was elected a Freshman Favorite. Determination and perseverance are evidently important in Brian's life, who notes that his role model is his father, "because even though things haven't always gone his way, he's still remained a strong person." Quanta Hill, another freshman favorite, adds that she likes being "on my own" in college but is glad that, when needed, EC's instructors "help a person one-on-one."

Learning to handle responsibility was a significant part of the EC experience for the Sophomore Class Favorites. Karen McRae, for example, felt that the college helped her become more independent; Marcus Hill — athlete, singer, poet — appreciated EC's role in making him a "well-rounded individual"; and Robin Burkes praised both the school and her mother for helping her discover herself: "I know what I want and I am determined to get it!"

The college years are a watershed, a turning point for many students as life-altering decisions are made.

Where are you headed? How will you get there? And what kind of person will you be when you arrive?

"We're so sweet we hurt!" laugh the Sophomore Class Favorites.

Brains, talent, beauty- the women of ECCC have them all!

Suave, dashing, debonair-who could resist these young men?

"You like us! You really like us!" ECCC's Class Favorites are (front L to R): Kamonica Craig, Robin Burkes, Karen McRae, Olivia McDaniel, Quanta Hill (back): Cyrus Ben, Maurice Bowie, Marcus Hill, Robert Earl Shephard, Brian Hardy.

# ACADEMICS

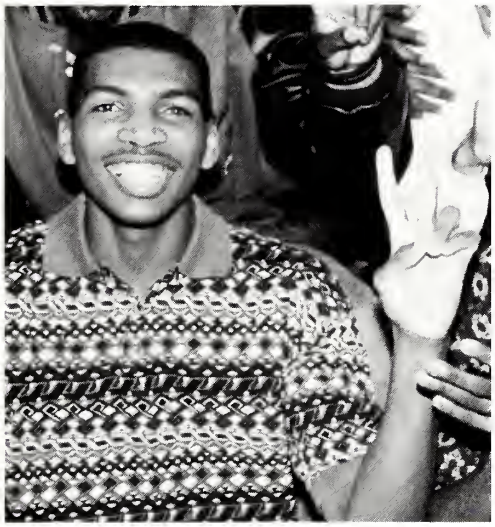
WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGES (front L to R): LaRee Lyle, Karen McRae, Olivia Hamil, Jessica Jordan, Jill Martin, Adella Rainer, Whitney Salter, Christina Miller, Jeralyn Perkins, Tonya Williamson, Stephanie Taylor, Amanda Bell, Deborah Skinner, Donna Gilmer, Evelyn Robinson, Travis Cain; (second): Neal Keeton, Jr., Laquita Moore, Jennifer Musgrove, Olivia McDaniel, Emily Jenkins, Lisa Harrison, Allyson McPhail, Andy Sistrunk, Sammy Sullivan, Jeremy Swindle, Nic Massey; (third): Richard Evans, Lee Rigdon, Ben Wall, Joey Lang, Bart Gregory, Ben Myers, Jason Alford, Jim Savell; (back): Michael Edwards, Matt Eakes, Joe Green, Jonathan Sharp

SCHOLARS' BOWL team members from L to R include: Sarah Whitesell (alternate), Amanda Moore, Josh Carroll, Stacy Carter, Jake Jenkins, Andy Sistrunk, and Linda Baucum (Sponsor).

LAMPLIGHTER-faculty participants spent a weekend at Copiah-Lincoln/Natchez campus. The conference brings community college personnel from all over the state for a workshop of learning and sharing.

Participants attending included from L to R: Wanda Moore, economics; Sarah Griffin, cosmetology; Patti Davis, biology; and Dr. Jane Hurst, ADN.

# Achievements Recognized



Who's Who inductee Maurice Bowie celebrates his team's basketball victory.

Jill Martin and Robin Burkes wonder if they can get even one more hot wing down as they compete against other teams in the hot wing eating contest.

"To better myself." To be a better teacher, a better student, a better person.

These were the watchwords as East Central's scholarly leaders — students and faculty alike — were honored throughout the year. Sophomores were named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges*; Olivia Hamil and instructor Bill Lovett were recognized as EC's HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working for Academic Excellence) honorees; six of the college's instructors were participants in the annual Lamplighter Program, which spotlights outstanding Mississippi community and junior college teachers; and Scholar's Bowl members continued to competitively demonstrate EC's academic prowess.

Olivia Hamil and Mr. Bill Lovett were honored as the year's HEADWAE recipients (Higher Education Day-working for Academic Excellence). The HEADWAE student is selected by faculty balloting from a list of students who have compiled a 3.5 GPA. The students who are on this elite group vote, in turn, for the faculty recipient. The selected honorees join with other recipients from across the state at a banquet with the Governor of Mississippi.

## BART GREGORY:

One of Bart's nominators referred to him as "the epitome of the all-American boy" while other nominators referenced his numerous leadership roles: president of the freshman class, president of his sophomore class, president of the Warrior Corps, president of the Presidents' Council, president of Winston Hall dormitory council, and vice-president of Mu Alpha Theta. Bart was elected a freshman class favorite, was initiated into Phi Theta Kappa, and was selected to Who's Who Among American Junior/Community Colleges.

## OLIVIA HAMIL:

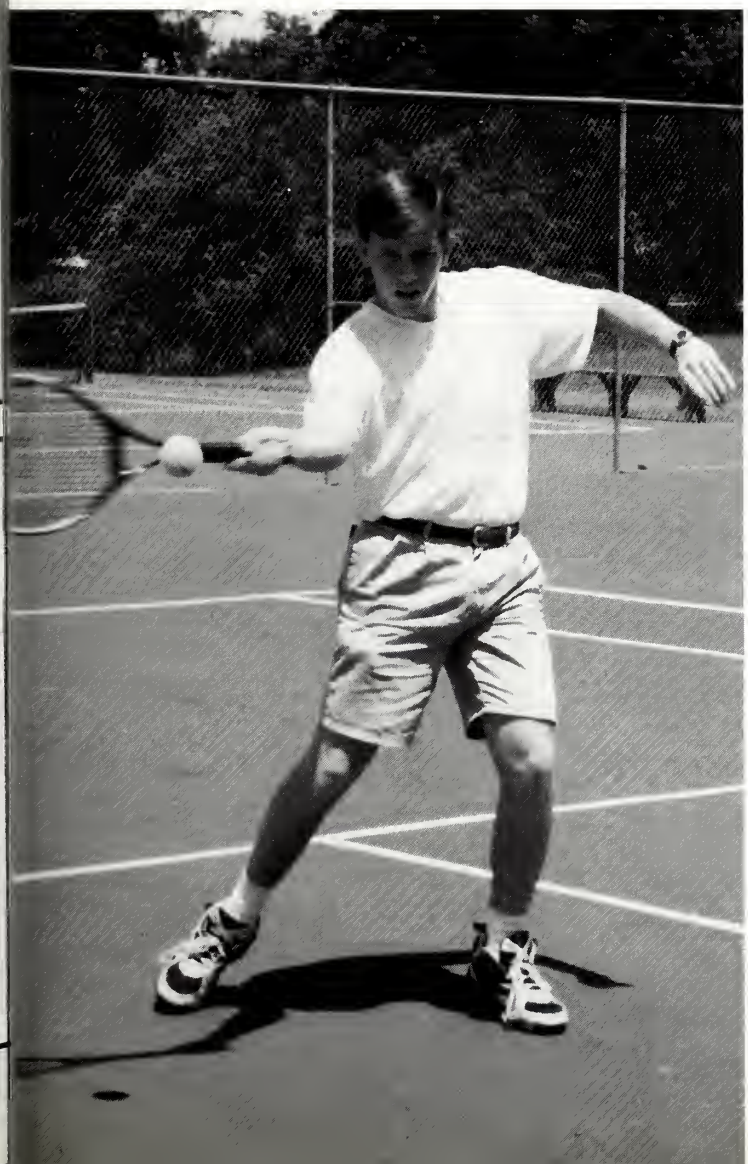
"Quiet, unassuming, yet eagerly involved" were adjectives used to describe Olivia in her nominations to the Hall of Fame. One nominator stated, "If an encyclopedia listed 'model students,' Olivia Hamil would certainly be the example used." Maintaining a 4.0 GPA, Hamil was a President's List Scholar every semester. As a member of Theta Xi Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa, she served as reporter for the EC chapter and also for the Mississippi/Louisiana Region. Her academic record influenced her selection as the HEADWAE student of the year and as a U.S. Achievement Academy All-American Scholar. Olivia was a member of all the ECCC band groups, of the ECCC Players, of the fashion squad, of the Presidents' Council, of the SADD organization, and of the Wesley Foundation. She was a member of Who's Who Among American Junior/Community Colleges.

## LAREE LYLE:

Nominated to the Hall of Fame as "the all-around outstanding scholar," Lyle "balances her time between study and play." Another nominator stated, "Lyle truly loves EC and shows her support through involvement in campus organizations and participation in college activities." LaRee was most at home on center stage: on the acting stage, as a part of the high-kicking Centrallettes' half-time shows, and in the Ac'cents and the Concert Choir's performances. In addition, Lyle served as a member of Mu Alpha Theta, the Warrior Corps, and Phi Theta Kappa. She was an Academic All-American Scholar and was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. One nominator stated, "LaRee represents what EC is (and should be) striving for: the all-around outstanding scholar."

# HALL OF FAME

One nominator cited Olivia Hamil as "an excellent student who is eager to learn, but has also been active in a wide range of extracurricular activities." Here Olivia learns about the finer aspects of thought at the student art show.



Lisa Harrison pours tea for LaRee Lyle as the two leading ladies of the stage surround themselves in atmosphere which helps them establish an understanding of their stage characters. Lyle displayed a naturalness for the stage in her performances in *The Music Man, The Mousetrap,* and *Mame.*

This turf grass management major Bert Gregory loves every aspect of sports from his work on the sports broadcasts with the Louisville radio station to his participation in ECCC intramurals. The same love of sports led him to learn tennis and to become a member of the 1996 MJCAA tennis academic team of the year.

# HALL OF FAME

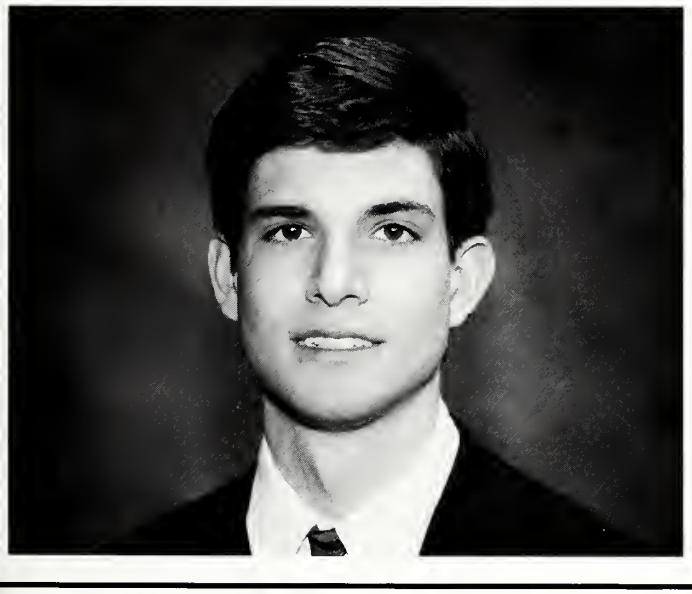
Stephanie Taylor and other SIFE officers present a program for a group of local school children. One nominator said of Taylor, "She is one of the most assertive, organized, and efficient students I've ever been around ... She will definitely break down any stereotypical barriers and become the CEO of her chosen future business."

As a leader in the BSU, Jonathan Sharp works to promote a better student environment. A Hall of Fame nominator stated, "The thing that makes him (Sharp) absolutely unique is that he always has something to do and it is something worthwhile that needs to be done." Sharp served as a summer missionary in Bolivia for 8 weeks in 1996.

A candidate for Academic All-American, Jim Savell "not only maintains an 'A' average, but he also helps manage a farm, is involved in many time-consuming school activities, yet he is one of the first to volunteer for any other project or job that needs to be done." As Beau Jackson Pickett in the musical *Mame*, Savell asks for Mame's (LaRee Lyle) hand in marriage.

## JIM SAVELL:

Characterized as "a living definition of the term 'dependable student'," Jim Savell is an extremely diligent and hard working young man. He is supportive of all activities on the campus and devotes nearly 30-hours a week to work on his family's farm. Yet, Savell manages to maintain a 4.0 GPA. One of his nominators described Savell as "relentless work ethic, a go-getter, a southern gentleman." All of these characteristics can be seen in Jim as he fulfills his responsibilities as a member of the marching and concert bands or working as technician for the Collegians. Academically, Savell serves as president of the Phi Theta Kappa. He was a member of the Warrior Corps, the Presidents' Council, secretary of the sophomore class. Savell received the L.B. Simmonds History award as a freshman and was selected to Who's Who Among American Junior/Community Colleges.



## JONATHAN SHARP:

The personification of 'self-discipline', Sharp taught himself to speak Spanish and helped establish a Hispanic Baptist Church in his home county where he also taught in Spanish and translated sermons into Spanish. One nominator reported, "He is one of the most disciplined people I have ever taught. When he decides to do something, whatever it is, it gets done." Sharp was co-president of the BSU (Baptist Student Union) where he served as a ministry team leader and a drama team leader. Sharp also belonged to Phi Theta Kappa, Mu Alpha Theta, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, and the Wesley Foundation. The 4.0 President's List Scholar received the R.O. and Bertha Hanna endowed scholarship in his freshman year. He was elected to Who's Who Among American Junior/Community Colleges. According to a nominator, "As a student leader, Sharp sets the proper standard in everything he does."

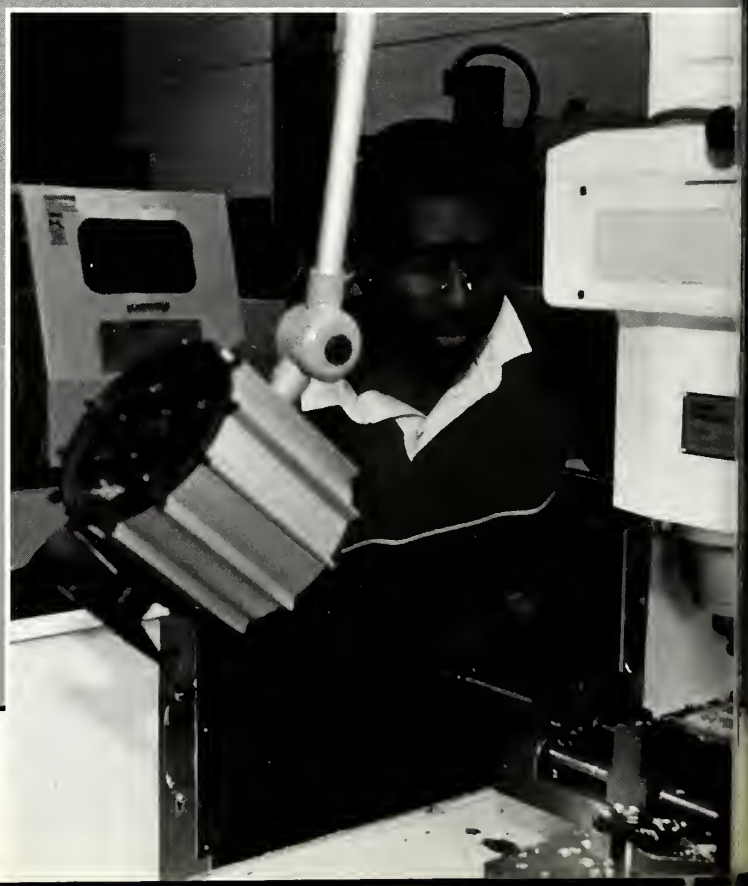
## STEPHANIE TAYLOR:

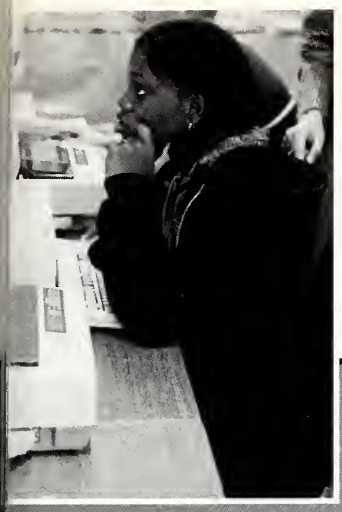
"Positive attitude, dependable, and excellent student" were words chosen to describe Stephanie Taylor's nomination into the Hall of Fame. Taylor, a 4.0 President's List Scholar, involved herself in various segments of campus life. She played on the ladies tennis team, which she served as captain for two years. As president of SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise), she helped set-up a web-site for the SIFE organization. She was a member of Phi Beta Lambda, Mu Alpha Theta, the Warrior Corps, the President's Council, and Phi Theta Kappa. She was nominated for the All-USA Academic Team. Taylor received the freshman chemistry award and was selected as a sophomore into Who's Who Among American Junior/Community Colleges.

Reno King molds the clay for a vase in the night ceramics class.

Medical offices students practice with the use of the dictaphones.

Machinist Jimothy Lewis works with the larger drill technologies in the machine shop.





Sheila Russell concentrates on the computer screen (in the Career Center) as she researches job information.

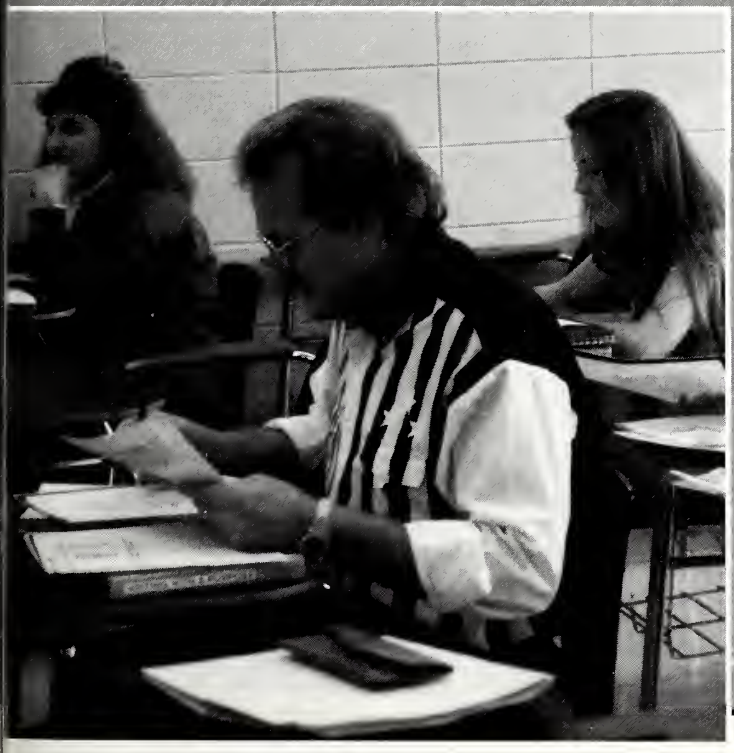
SIFE student Shannon McDonald hands out materials to an elementary school class.

A published book of poetry. An attack on fireants. A survey of the campus grounds. A visit to an art museum.

Instruction had many faces around the campus. The tried and true academia of the lecture still reigned as leader of instructional styles, but many concepts were tested on student involvement as more hands-on experiences resulted from the academic setting.

Some students weren't too secure as to just how they were supposed to respond to holding class in an old cemetery set back off the road and surrounded only by nature.

For sure the class material will long be remembered!

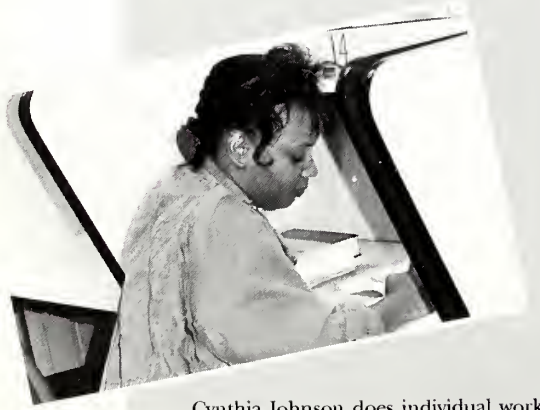


Students from the child development class visit with students in the Newton County pre-school class.

English Comp II students work diligently on revising another dreaded essay.

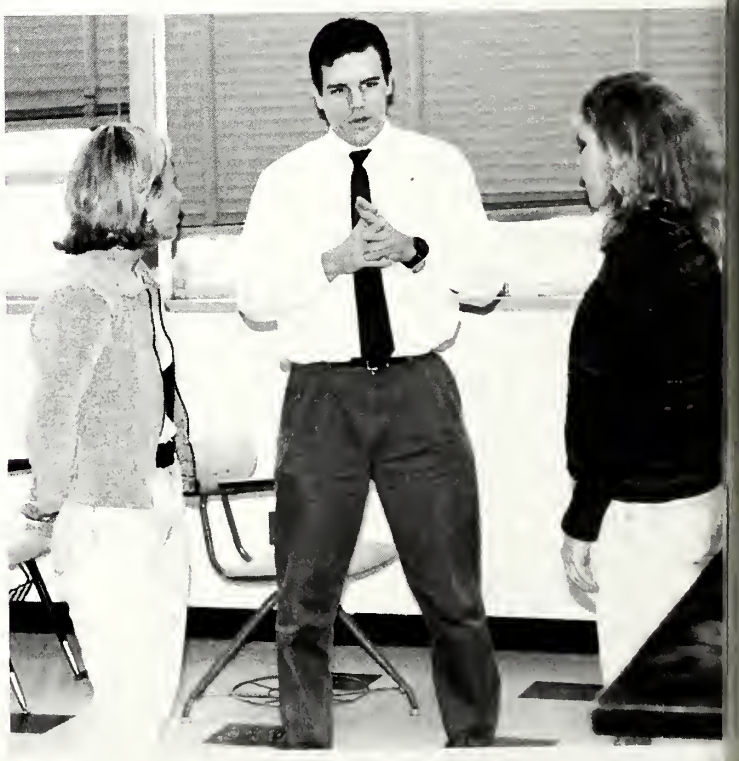
Members of the Career Exploration class learn the proper method of introductions and greetings.

Rebecca Munn has learned many study skills to help her in her college classes.

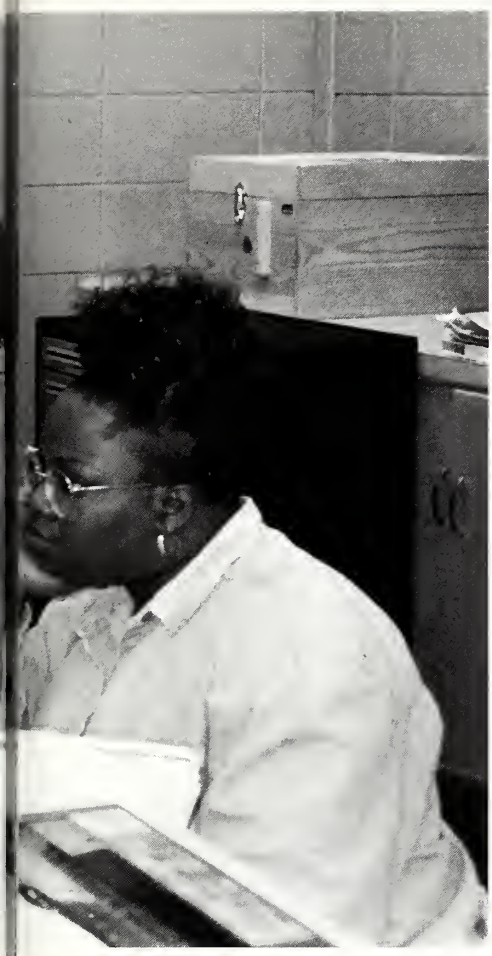


Cynthia Johnson does individual work on computations during her VIDS class hours.

Latasha Mann and Alnedra Evans use the computer assisted reading programs for personal improvement.



Space invaders, anyone? It's more than a game to these Career Exploration students.



# Help Yourself!

## *Self-Improvement Is Easy with These Courses*

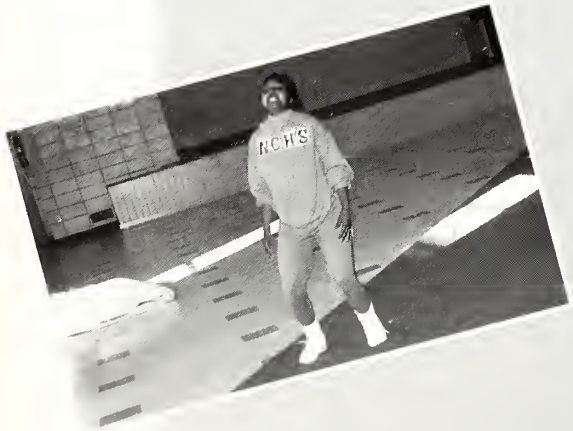
Can you really learn *how* to study? Does anyone really *want* to know how to use the library? Do we have to worry about a career right now? You bet! Just ask Rebecca Munn or Roddy Nickey about their course in study improvement. Learning how to read directions and exploring test-taking techniques are just two of the class's useful activities. Other helpful courses offered at East Central include Library Science and Career Exploration.

Maurice Jones puts his library skills to practice as he learns the use of the card catalogue.

Jim Stewart and Roddy Nickey apply the test-taking skills they have just learned in the Improvement of Study class.

Danny Wilkerson learns ways to approach the return in tennis class.

Bryan Madison is proud of the tuck he has learned to prepare in the gymnastic class.

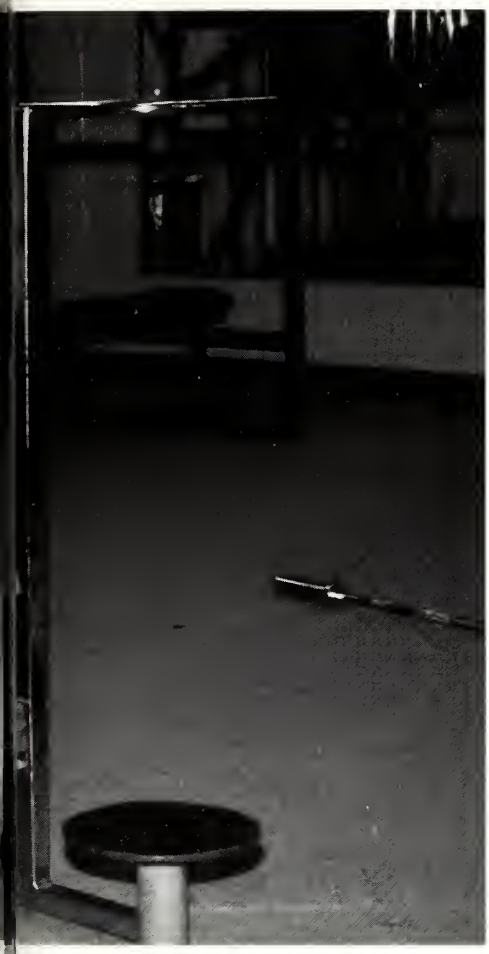



Cheerleader Christie Temple grimaces as she lands her backward two-hand flip.

Mandy Sanders and Mike Donovan enjoy th work-out in the weight room during their fitnes class.

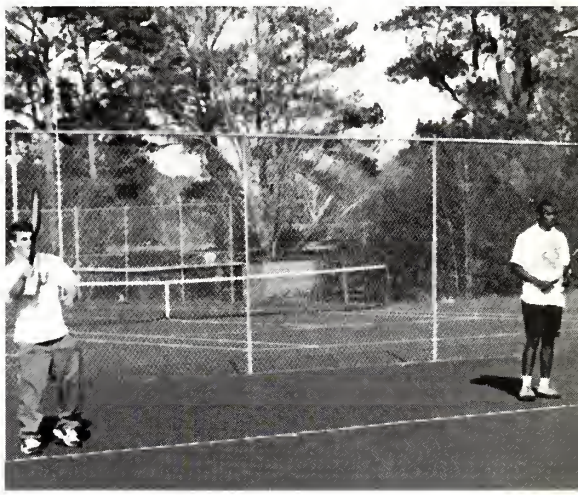
Instructor Mabel Miller assists her students by "spo ting" for them as they practice gymnastic routines

# Motivation to Move



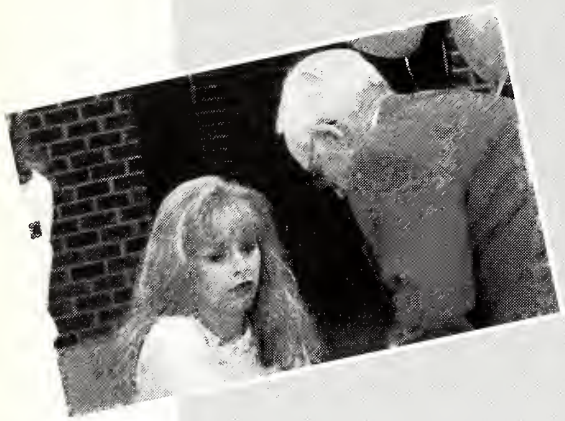
## *Sports and Fitness Courses Make the Grade*

Fitness and Conditioning Training as well as Individual and Dual Sports, two of East Central's one-semester-hour courses, have proven popular with those who seek both physical and intellectual stimulation at the college. "I wanted to keep off the 'freshman fifteen'; and fitness has been a good class to motivate me," says student Mandy Sanders. The courses offer practice with weights, body conditioning and toning, and gymnastics as well as golf and tennis fundamentals.



Mack returns the serve as Marcus waits his chance for play.

Tennis class members Mack Stubbs, Josh Carroll, Marcus Thames, Olivia McDaniel, and Danny Wilkerson practice proper raquet coordination.

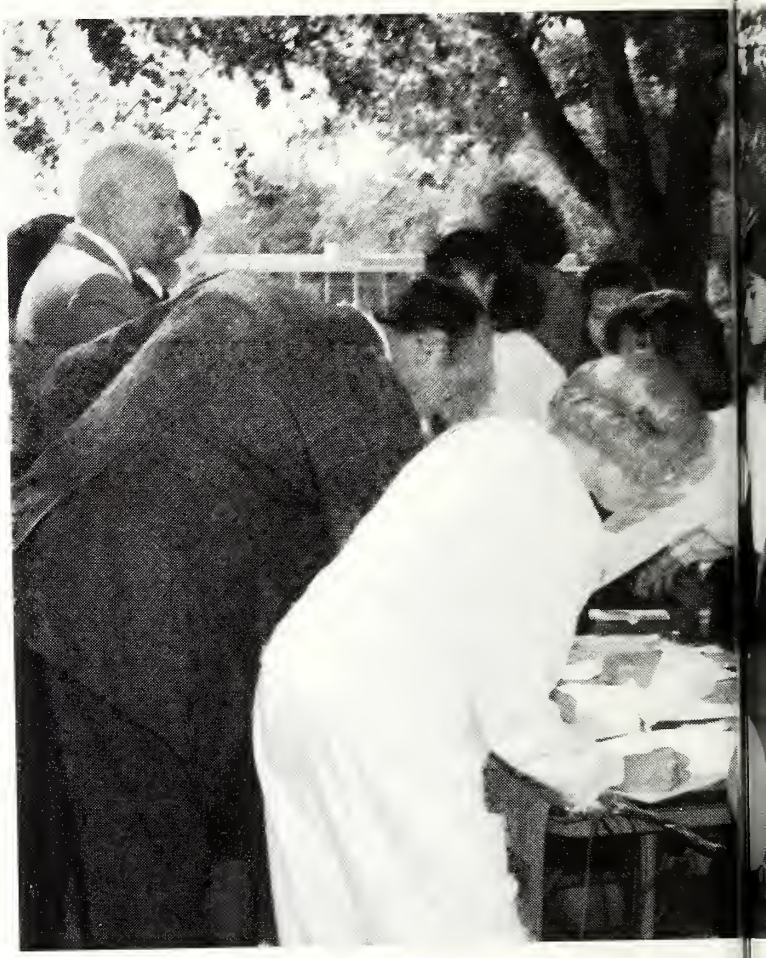


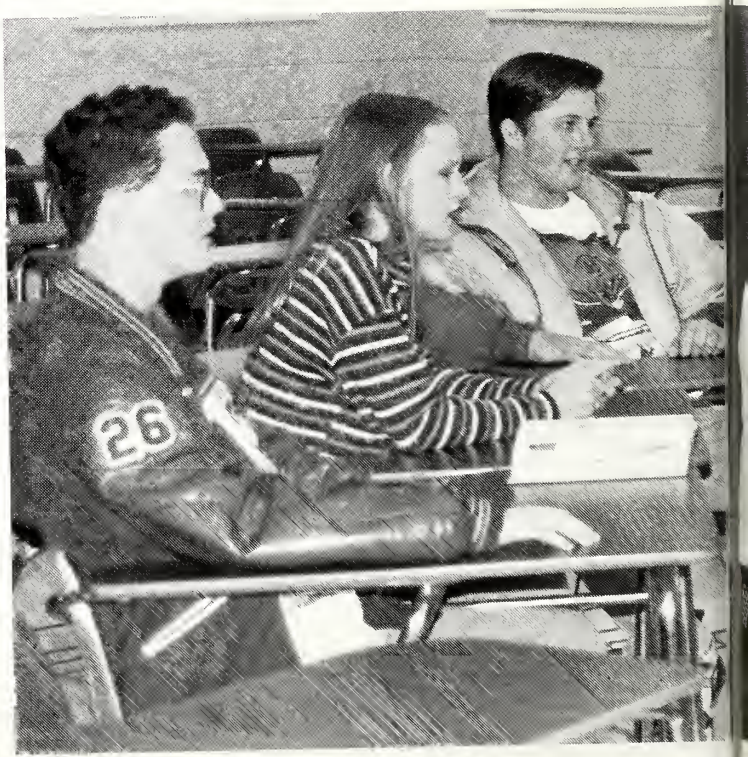
Krisan Risher registers an alumnus at Homecoming where Corps members provide leadership.

Warrior Corps members also provide leadership in many other areas as member Jim Savell (center) demonstrates.

Ashlea Renfroe is alert to any opportunity for service as an ECCC ambassador.

Alexander Lee and other Warrior Corps member demonstrate manners of leadership in the man functions they perform as EC's ambassadors.






Scholars' Bowl members Andy Sistrunk, Sar Whitesell and Stacy Carter practice quick respons

# Q & A

## *Exploration of "Inner Space"*

Question: Which EC students are most likely to identify a man named Christopher Wren?

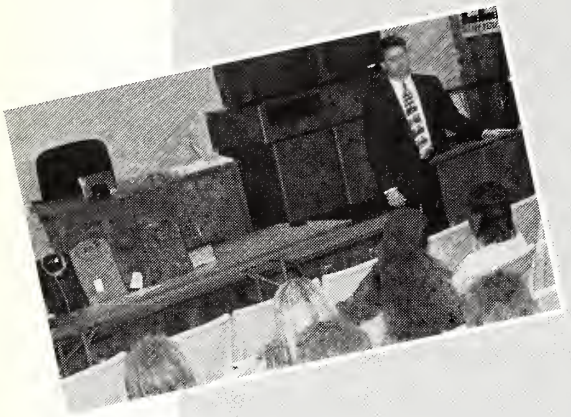
Answer: Members of the Scholars Bowl squad and students enrolled in EC's humanities course! These men and women examine and study the art, architecture, history, and customs of America and Europe as well as science and mathematics. Participants in the Scholars Bowl vie with other college squads in rigorous intellectual competition.

Question: Which students "sell" the college to the world?

Answer: The Warrior Corps, who use the training acquired in their leadership course to represent EC at various functions.

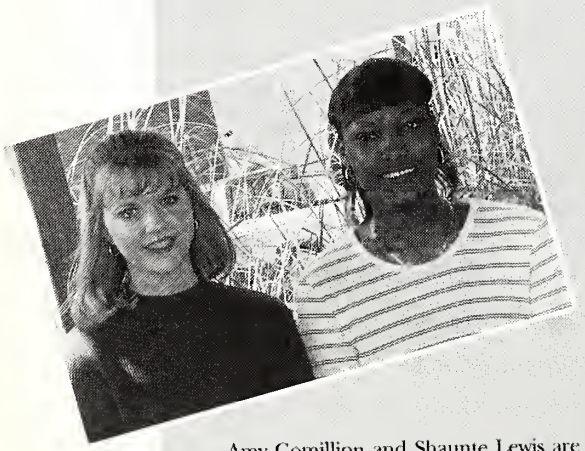
Amanda Moore and Jake Jenkins study questions for Scholars' Bowl competition.

Humanities class members take time-out from the weekly session. Standing L to R: Adella Rainer, Allyson McPhail, Angela King, Jim Savell, Christie Fulton, Jonathan Sharp, Jill Martin; sitting: Stephanie Taylor, Karen McRae, Olivia Hamil, Matt Eakes, Andy Sistrunk.



Mike Lee from Gentleman's Gallery talks to the modeling class about new designs in men's wear.

Penny Johnson, Germaine Chambers, and Tonya Covington practice the poses they will use to model for the dinner theater audiences.



Amy Gomillion and Shaunte Lewis are happy to move from modeling class to fashion squad members.

Social usage class members Danielle Johnson and Mack Stubbs watch fellow student Herbert Montgomery practice with Mr. Vickers' formal dinner settings.

Fashion Squad members demonstrate newly learne modeling poses.

# Grace under Fire

## *Civility Is Alive and Well*

"I ain't got no manners and don't need none" is something you WON'T hear from students in EC's course in social usage as they learn and practice accepted standards of behavior. Social graces are taken to new heights by the men and women in the college's modeling courses, with the "best of the best" serving in the Fashion Squad. Their style shows, several of which were featured during the 1996 dinner theater, demonstrate just how serious some Warriors are about deportment and costuming.

Lee gives David Hollingsworth and Germaine Chambers a close look at shirt and tie coordinations.

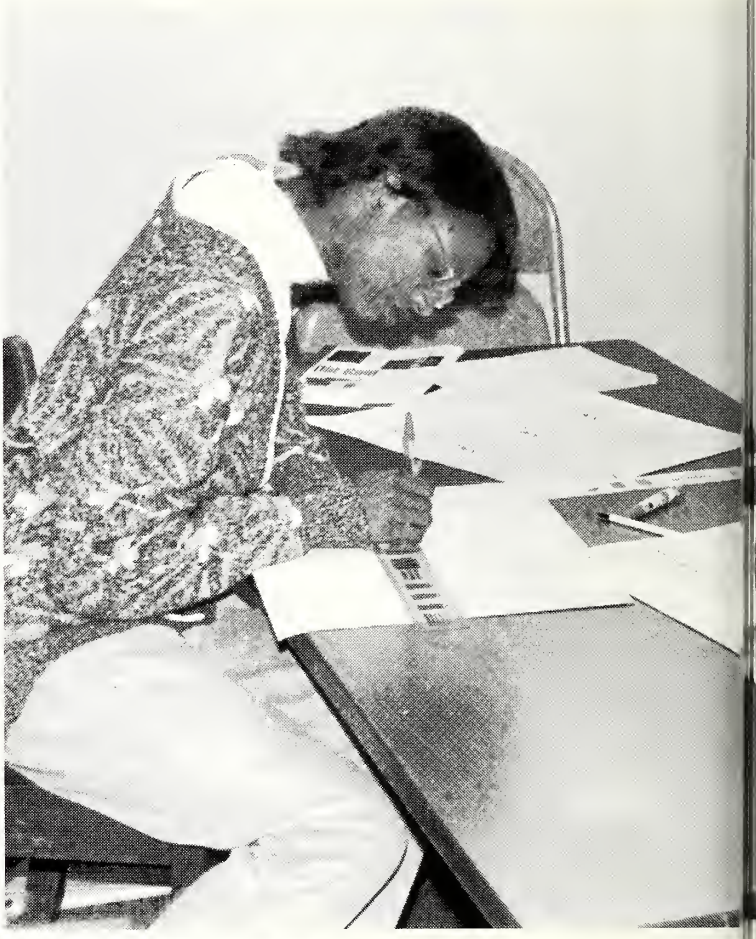
No, the basketball team didn't invade! Mr. Vickers gives a new meaning to round objects for this group of social usage members.

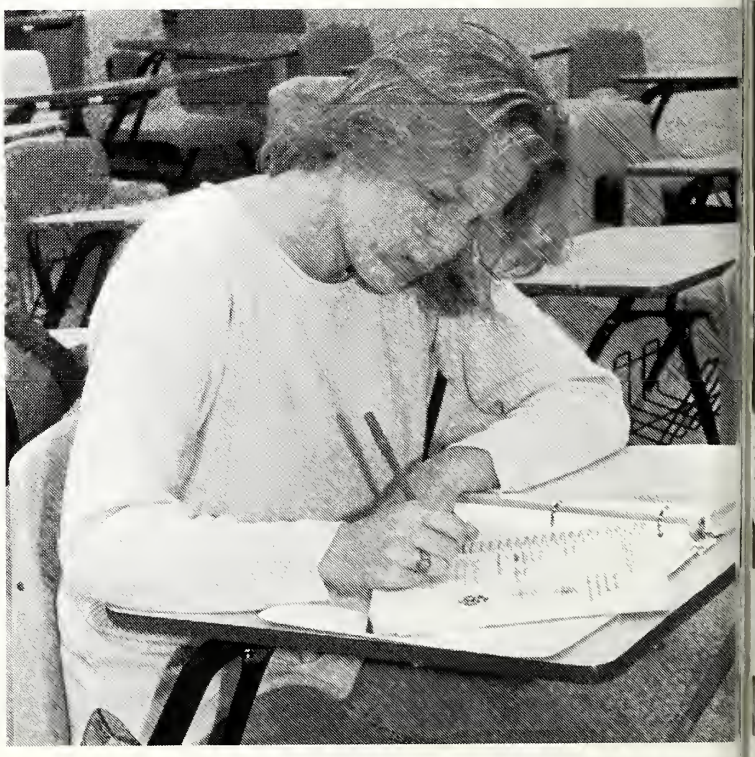
A guest editoralist for *The Tom-Tom?* Why Not? Mascot Gabe Miller regularly contributes to the newspaper.

Jerami Beard (center) is another example of the versatility found in the *Tom-Tom* reporters whose work surfaces from issue to issue.

Actor, student conductor, writer - Richard Edwards wears all three hats.

*Wo-He-Lo* staff members Schnitta Patrick and Alexander Lee work diligently on lay-out designs for the next deadline.





Writer Misty Smith shares her creative talent with both the newspaper and the yearbook, getting plenty of experience for that journalism career.

# Art? Craft? Or Both?

## *Creativity Finds an Outlet with These Activities*

"Stella! Hey, Stella!"
No, this isn't a hunter calling his favorite hound.
And no, this isn't Stella's mom.
But it is Stella's Fella, as any experienced drama student could tell you. And experience is exactly what you get in East Central's drama production courses, which give participants the opportunity to learn their craft and refine their art in a variety of productions. Those who prefer to watch and listen rather than perform — and who want to share it all with others — can find kindred spirits with the college's newspaper and yearbook staffs. *The Tom-Tom* and *The Wo-He-Lo* want you - even if your name isn't Stella!

Yearbook sports writer Larry Grantham spends time in the PR office, looking for pictures and negatives to cover his articles.

The production crew, which also includes several actors, is essential for a number or variety of jobs assigned them as they learn the various elements of drama production.

# PEOPLE

*Music Man, Nature Lover-*

# *A President for All Seasons*

Most people living in EC's extended community are familiar with the diverse talents and accomplishments of the college's president, Dr. Eddie Smith. They know him as a leader, an educator, a father, a sports enthusiast, and a musician. What many may *not* realize, however, is that Dr. Smith is also the "Dr. Dolittle" of Decatur. A visit to the Smith "home away from home" just outside the town reveals much about the man who, like the fictional character, "talks to the animals" — and also feeds, protects, and loves them.

Although it is located near Highway 15, the Smiths' second home is a peaceful, natural haven. Living things — and the stress-relieving tranquility they can provide — are everywhere. Relaxing on the deck is like sitting in a treehouse surrounded by pines, maples, dogwoods, and oaks festooned with wisteria and Spanish moss. Squirrels and several species of local and migratory birds come here to rest, feed, and frolic. Domestic animals — chickens, dogs, and a cat — also enjoy the country-like setting. Susie, a mountain cur, is the queen of the estate and Dr. Smith's "sweetheart." His "babies" are two energetic and loving registered rat terriers, Bitsy and Buddy. Rhode Island Reds, bantam chickens, and even a Chinese silkie murmur contentedly in their coop. In a decorative pond, plump goldfish wait lazily for tidbits.

Nearly two hundred years ago, William Wordsworth encouraged his readers to "let Nature be your Teacher." Dr. and Mrs. Smith have accepted this philosophy wholeheartedly; their love of the natural world enriches their relationships with friends, neighbors, and colleagues.

Dr. Smith: college president, community voice, gentleman farmer-and piano man!

A woman's work is never done-even in the Smiths' "little piece of heaven on earth."

Add "tool man" to his titles-Dr. Smith shows how it is done.

"Let's have fish for supper tonight," Bitsy seems to be saying to Buddy as an amused Dr. and Mrs. Smith look on.

Like all good leaders, Dr. Smith fully understands how to keep the attention of any "flock"!

Civility can be a part of the natural world, as Dr. and Mrs. Smith lovingly demonstrate.

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# Goodby, East Central-Hello, World!

Kelly Melton looks forward to the other experiences of life which await her.

**What are your plans after leaving EC?**

Donna McDaniel: Attend Mississippi State and get a Master's Degree in home economics.

Mary D. Johnson: Work in nursing and make a contribution to my community.

Kimberly Haynes: Go to Jackson State and pledge Delta.

Gaydon Richardson: Attend the "W" with a major in nursing and get married.

Jeremy Wright: Get married, build a house, start a career.

Grant Mayo: Go to MSU.

Allen Tucker: Pursue my career in the music business.

Jason Alford: Attend Delta State Univ. and major in music education with an emphasis in saxophone.

LaRee Lyle: Attend USM, get a degree in broadcast journalism, and work at a major television station someday.

Ashley Allard: Transfer to Miss. State and be an electronics technician.

Jessie Howard: Go to MSU.

Ronnie Thrash: Finish school at MSU, get a job, then a family.

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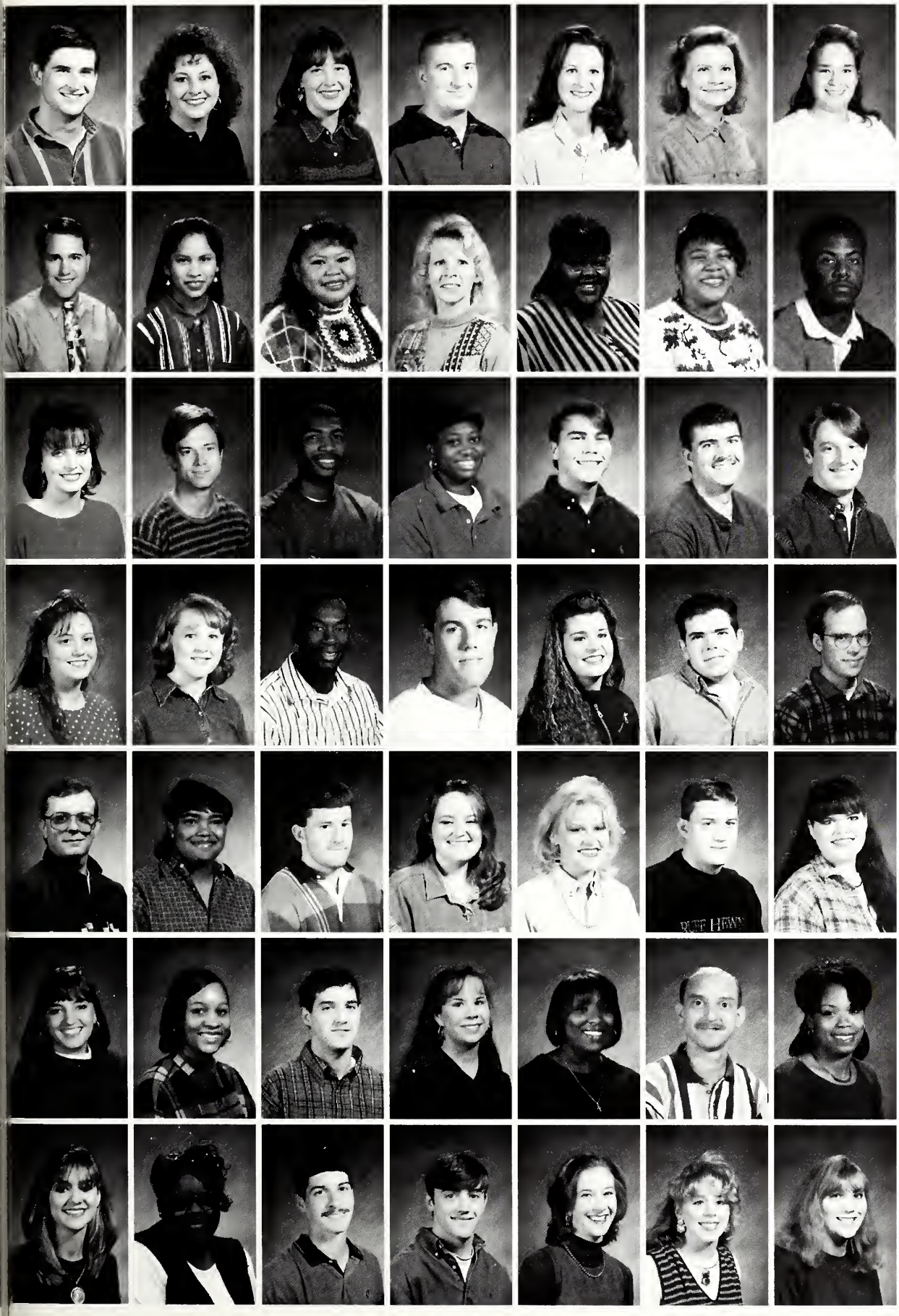

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Renate Ben, Philadelphia
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Jeremy Brown, Mendenhall
Joseph Brown, Philadelphia

Amy Boatner, Noxapater
Robin Burkes, Meridian
Gary Butler, Forest
Eric Butler, Meridian
Nikki Callahan, Carthage
Justin Chapman, Newton
Tim Chapman, Philadelphia

Greg Chitwood, Philadelphia
Lawanda Coleman, Philadelphia
Michael Coleman, Louisville
Marinda Comans, Sebastopol
Danielle Comans, Forest
Josh Commer, Philadelphia
Kristi Conrad, Union

Stephanie Cook, Carthage
Terri Cooks, Forest
Brad Cosgrove, Philadelphia
Tonya Covington, Noxapater
Marion Croft, Chunky
Randy Cumberland, Neshoba
Sonja Curry, Meridian

Ashley Davidson, Carthage
Latorreia Davis, Morton
Mark Davis, Enterprise
Michael Davis, Philadelphia
Wendy Davis, Philadelphia
Heather Dickerson, Union
Margie Dickerson, Union

# Taking a Break from the Books

Student librarian has an inside view of campus favorites.

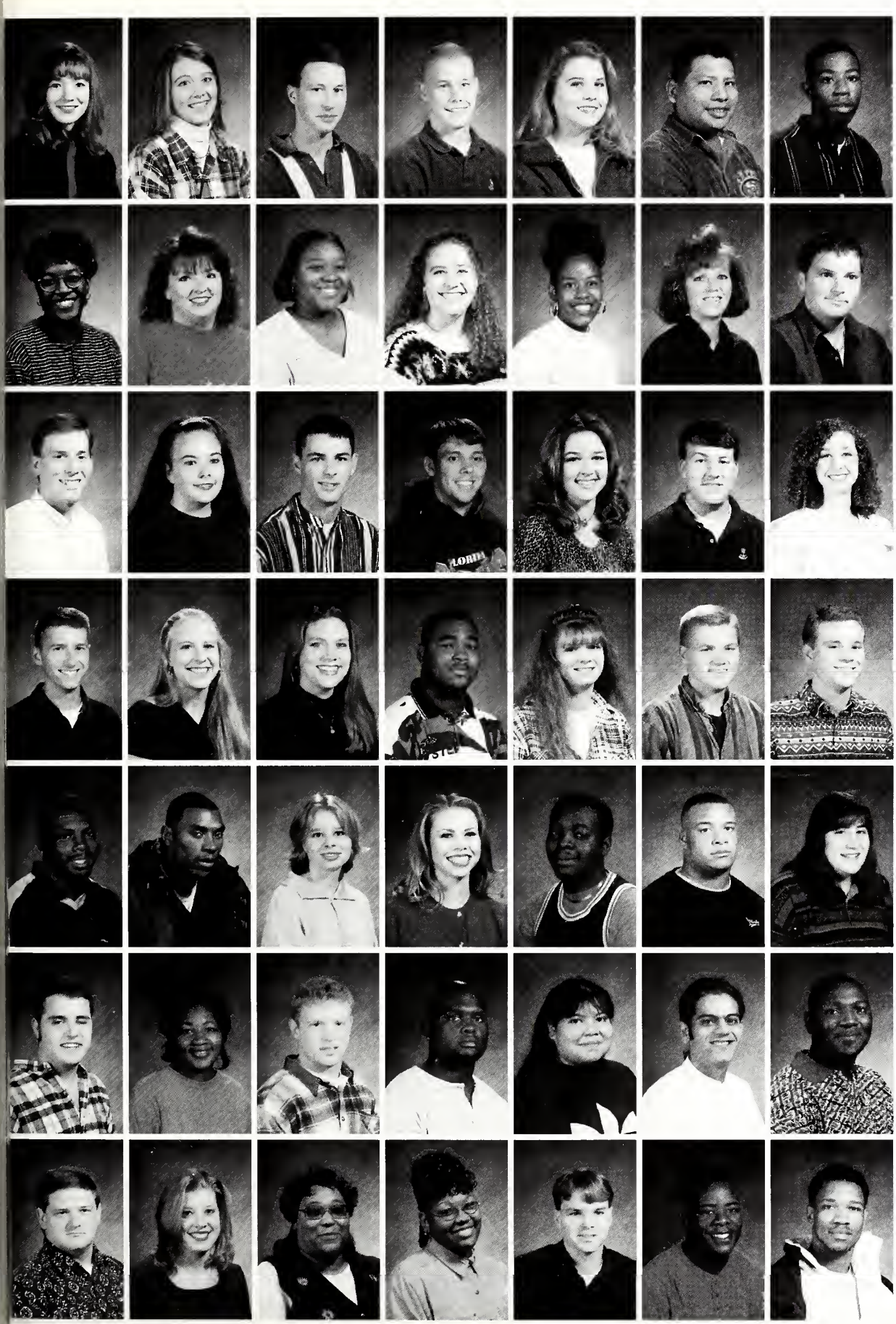
**Students recently rented these video tapes:**

*The Nutty Professor*
*Twister*
*Boys on the Side*
*Independence Day*
*Broken Arrow*
*Multiplicity*
*A Time to Kill*
*Dead Man Walking*
*A Walk in the Clouds*
*The Rock*
*The Juror*
*Braveheart*
*Eraser*
*Don't Be a Menace*
*The Phantom*
*A Thin Line Between Love and Hate*

Mike Donovan, Stonewall
Sheneatha Dooley, Meridian
Nick Dumas, Chatom, AL
Angela Dunkerson, Decatur
Matt Eakes, Philadelphia

Michael Edwards, Sebastopol
Richard Edwards, Forest
Tommy Eldridge, Philadelphia
Brad Evans, Newton
Karen Evans, Newton

Katrina Evans, Hickory
Rosalind Evans, Chunky
Johnna Foster, Philadelphia
Jo Freeny, Carthage
Jason Frith, Morton



Christie Fulton, Philadelphia
Sonya Garnett, Philadelphia
Timothy Garrison, Newton
Freddie Gentry, Hickory
Stephanie Gibbon, Conehatta
Sean Gibson, Conehatta
Alex Gill, Walnut Grove

Theresa Gill, Walnut Grove
Donna Gilmer, Sebastopol
Carolyn Gradney, Louisville
Amber Grady, Newton
Brandy Graham, Decatur
Janette Grant, Forest
Doug Gray, Conehatta

Bart Gregory, Nanih Waiya
April Greer, Carthage
Brian Green, Decatur
Joe Green, Conehatta
Nesa Gressett, Carthage
Justin Griffin, Philadelphia
Olivia Hamil, Sebastopol

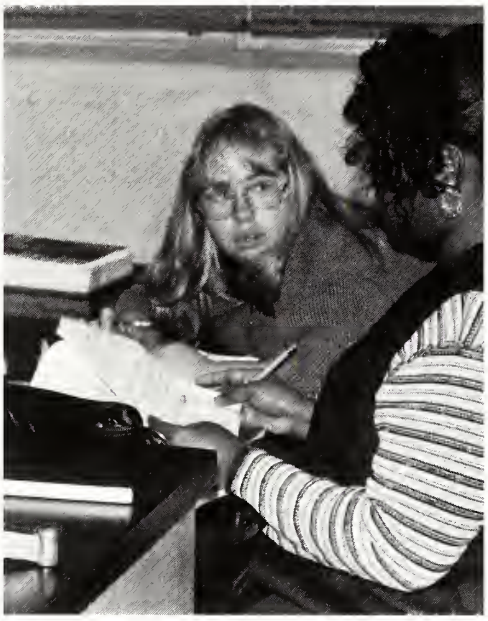
Glen Hansford, Decatur
Cassie Harrell, Morton
Lisa Harrison, Little Rock
Derrick Harvey, Carthage
Tammy Harvey, Philadelphia
Chad Havard, Lake
Dan Hendon, Union

Roderick Hickman, Louisville
Marcus Hill, Decatur
Greta Hodge, Lorena
Jessica Hollis, Morton
Lavonsa Holmes, Racine, WI
Wilbert Holmes, Louisville
Kelly Hollingsworth, Decatur

Shawn Houser, Lake
Geneva Houston, Meridian
David Huffman, Philadelphia
Rufus Husband Jr., Newton
Crystal Issac, Philadelphia
Asif Iqbal, Forest
Emmitte Ray Ivy, Louisville

Ty Jankowski, Forest
Emily Jenkins, Shubuta
Mavis Johnson, Forest
Arlene Jones, Forest
Jason Jones, Union
Marcus Jones, Morton
Maurice Jones, Forest

# What Were Your New Year's Resolutions?



Summer Measell studies with her lab partner — a demonstration of many new resolutions.

**"This year I'm going to ... "**

Tashika Wraggs: be responsible for my own actions, to be my own woman, and to do things the right way.

Donna McDaniel: be more productive at work and school, to help my children more with their homework, and to stop smoking.

Allen Tucker: Not let people influence me to do bad things.

Tamekia Sutton: do better in school and make the library my second home (study).

Mandy Boydston: have a better outlook on life, have better study habits, and not to be so hard on my boyfriend.

Jennifer McDaniel: read the Bible entirely.

Deric Horne: Make better grades.

Jermaine Jones: work to my potential. If I do that I will be able to succeed in college.

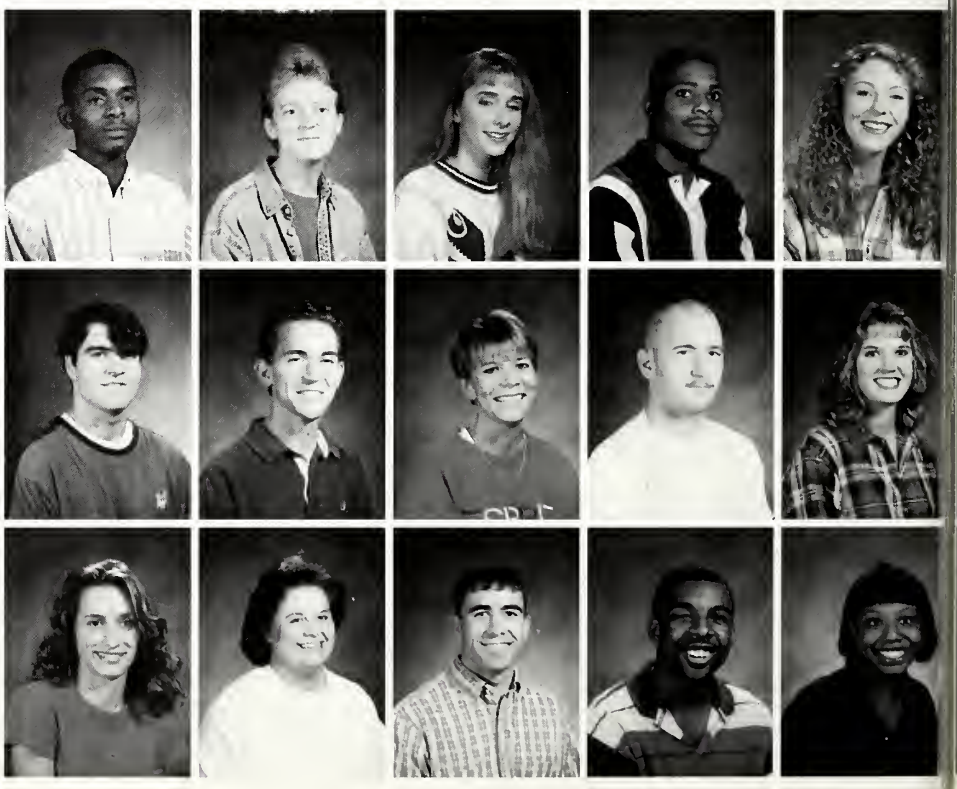
Michael Joiner: See how much fun I can have.

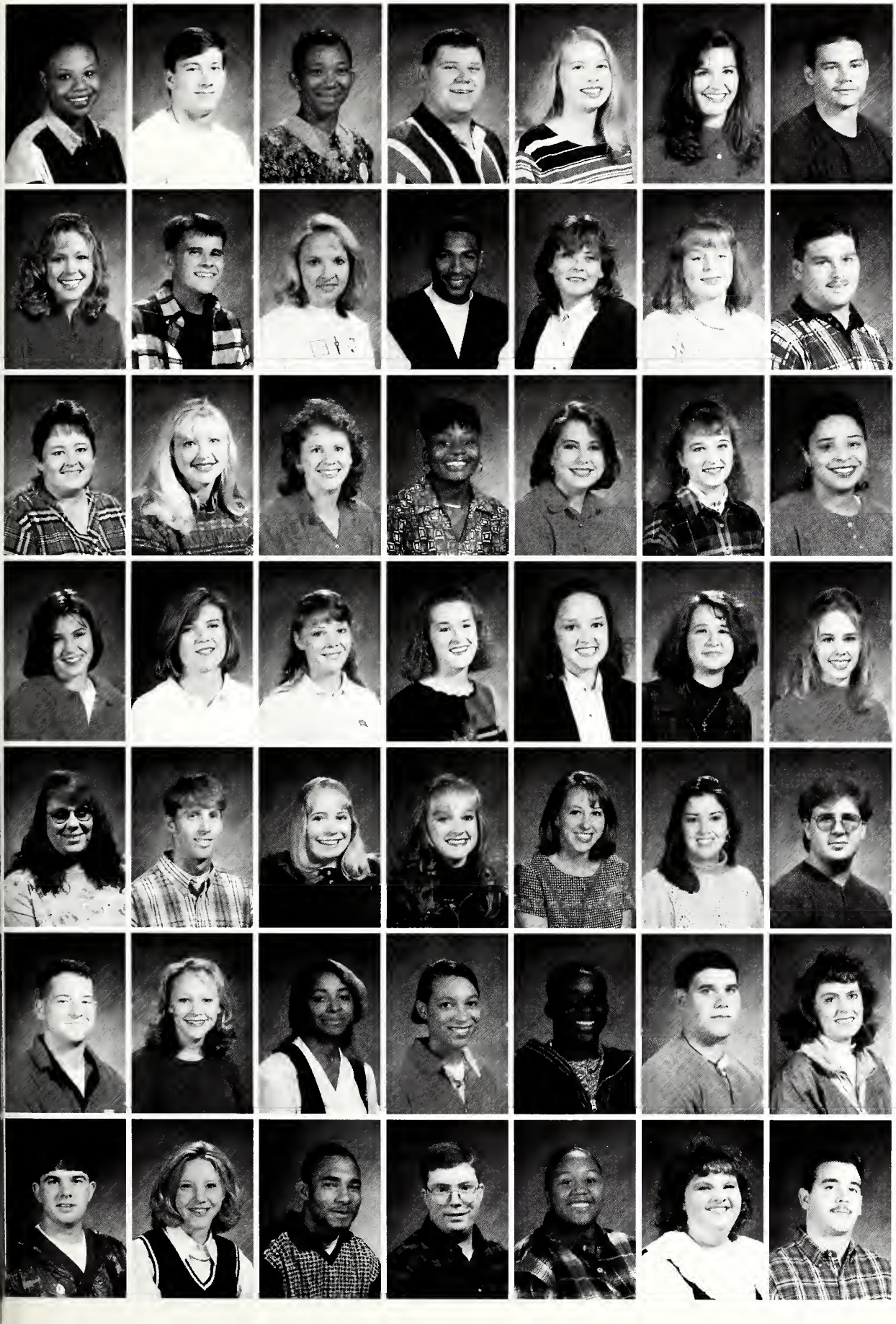
Dwayne Evans: Be friendlier and volunteer more of my time.

Michael Jones, Carthage
Nancy Jones, Lake
Jessica Jordan, Kosciusko
Jimmy Kincaid, Morton
Angela King, Forest

Frankie King, Carthage
Nathan King, Carthage
Melanie Kirkland, Philadelphia
Jason Kizziah, Tuscaloosa, AL
April Ladd, Philadelphia

Julie Laird, Lake
Amy Latham, Lena
Jason Latham, Morton
Jimothy Lewis, Newton
Shannon Lindsey, Newton





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Timothy Livingston, Carthage
Shiney Jean Loper, Decatur
Sammy Lovett, Morton
Miranda Lucroy, Decatur
LaRee Lyle, Lena
Bryan Madison, Philadelphia

Jill Martin, Neshoba
Travis Martin, Edinburg
Cindy Massey, Decatur
Darrick Massey, Noxapater
Shawntal Mayes, Conehatta
Russell McCann, Lena

Donna McDaniel, Louisville
Olivia McDaniel, Philadelphia
Linda McDill, Conehatta
Crystal McDonald, Union
Shannon McDonald, Decatur
Sonya McDonald, Lake
Kurtetha McGee, Enterprise

Machelle McGee, Hickory
Tabitha McGee, Hickory
Natalia McKay, Carthage
Allyson McPhail, Carthage
Karen McRae, Carthage
Elizabeth McMillan, Little Rock
Mikki McMillan, Forest

Valerie McMullan, Newton
Monty McMullan, Stone Wall
Summer Measell, Decatur
Kelly Melton, Enterprise
Mesha Merchant, Carthage
Christina Miller, Decatur
Gabriel Miller, Hickory

Travis Mizell, Edinburg
Amy Moore, Noxapater
Connie Moore, Philadelphia
Deffany Moore, Philadelphia
Edwin Moore, Noxapater
Patrick Moore, Louisville
Phyllis Morrison, Newton

Ben Myers, Philadelphia
Carri Norman, Newton
Tywanda Norton, Louisville
Patrick Nutt, Morton
Robin Overstreet, Newton
Amy Parker, Noxapater
Victor Parker, Houston, TX

# What Is "Cool" and "Uncool" among College Students?

Students model "cool" behavior while their clothes styles always follow the best of fashion.

**We're so cool, we're hot!**

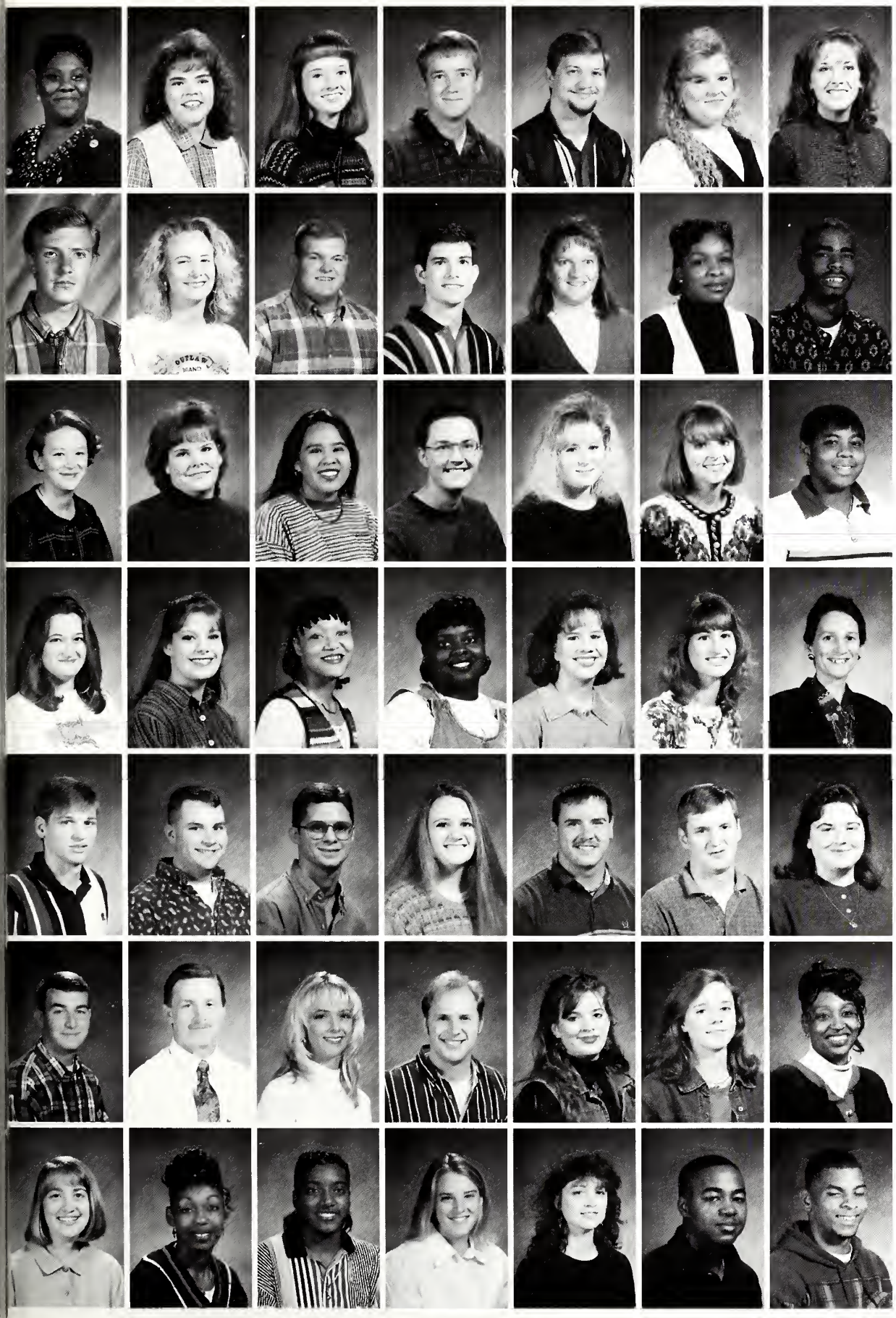
*Cool*
- *anything with Addidas or Fila
- *going to parties and just riding around
- *big pants and 70's clothes
- *sagging pants
- *having goals

*Uncool*
- *smoking
- *trying to be cool
- *violence and drugs
- *alcohol
- *not getting along with anyone

Schnitta Patrick, Walnut Grove
Melanie Patterson, Philadelphia
Raphael Payne, Newton
Jeralyn Perkins, Forest
Ron Perkins, Louisville

Karen Persons, Noxapater
Kevin Pierce, Decatur
Adrienne Pickett, Louisville
Kristie Pilgrim, Union
Randy Puritt, Newton

Paul Pryor, Forest
Adella Rainer, Decatur
Stephanie Rascoe, Stonewall
Tara Renaud, Carthage
Lee Rigdon, Decatur



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Autumn Robertson, Louisville
Leslie Robertson, Philadelphia
Corey Robinson, Scott
William V. Rogers, IV, Louisville
Christina Rushing, Sebastopol
Whitney Salter, Philadelphia

Alex Savell, Chunky
Amanda Savell, Philadelphia
Jim Savell, Lake
Jonathan Sharp, Harperville
Penny Sharp, Union
LaWanda Shepard, Lena
Robert Earl Shephard, Morton

Sharron Shephard, Lawrence
Melissa Shive, Decatur
Chantell Shumake, Carthage
Andy Sistrunk, Forest
Melissa Sistrunk, Sebastopol
Amy Smith, Philadelphia
Aretha Smith, Carthage

April Smith, Enterprise
Heather Smith, Noxapater
Iris Smith, Forest
Natasha Smith, Forest
Sonya Smith, Noxapater
Susan Smith, Collinsville
Margie Ann Stephens, Pineville

Stacy Stevenson, Noxapater
Jason Stewart, Carthage
Jim Stewart, Shubuta
Dana Stokes, Philadelphia
Ryan Stokley, Morton
Heath Strickland, Union
Melissa Strickland, Morton

Mack Stubbs, Walnut Grove
Sammy Sullivan, Union
Angela Sumrall, Union
Jeremy Swindle, Decatur
Honey Taylor, Louisville
Stephanie Taylor, Forest
Wanda Taylor, Forest

Kim Tew, Forest
Pachasia Thompson, Philadelphia
Tunya Thornton, Carthage
Sandra Thrash, Union
Tina Thrash, Forest
Ollie Triplett, Carthage
Earl Truss, Carthage

# What Is Your Favorite "Spare Time" Activity?

The East Mall area is one of the most popular "spare time" gathering areas.

**Filling in those spare seconds**

Karen Evans: Spending time with my thoughts; evaluating my life and my accomplishments.

Kevin Carter: Talking, talking, and more talking.

Ann Marie Gardner: Riding horses and singing.

Shirley Loper: Spending time with my children, working for my church, helping people in need, doing word search puzzles, and watching game shows.

Brandy Rush: Listening to music and twirling rifle in the band.

Chris Tullos, Union
Ethel Tumbling, Newton
Ed W. Valentine Jr., Decatur
Marcia Vance, Louisville
Margaret Vance, Sebastopol

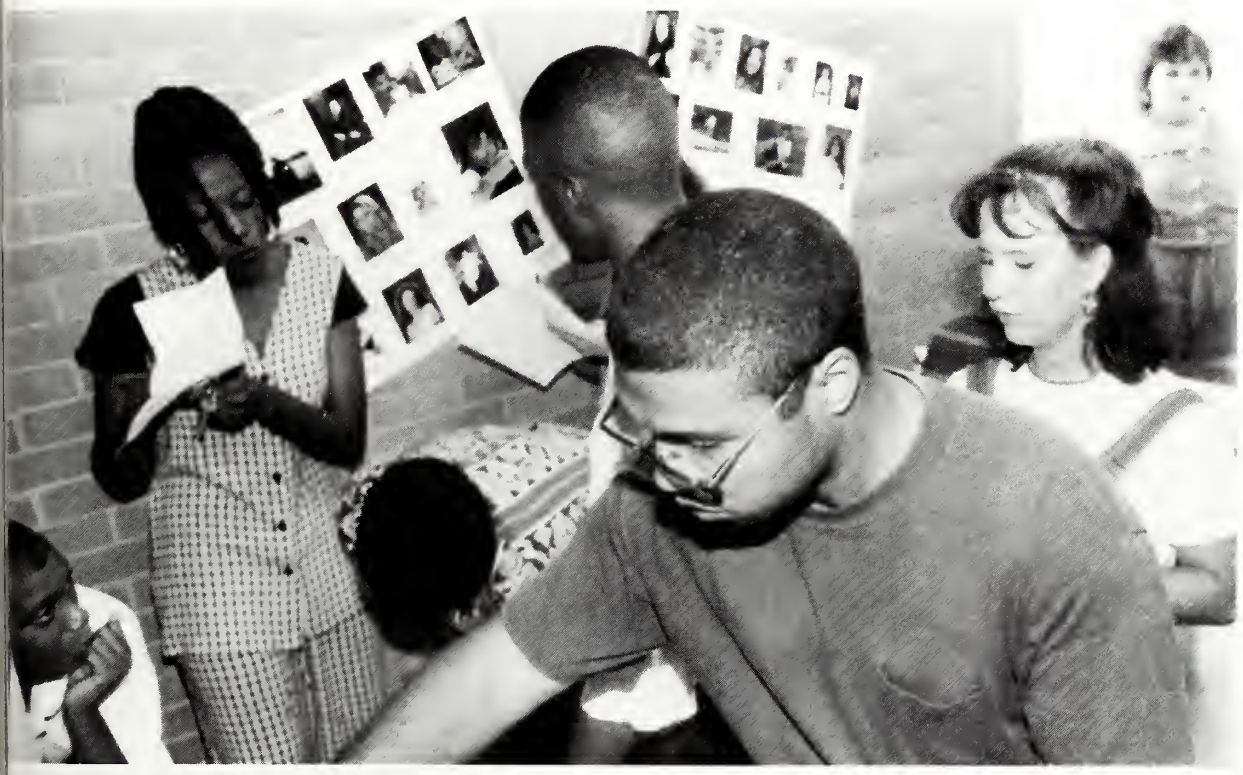
J.B. Ware, Union
Kristie Ware, Forest
Ben Wall, Forest
Justin Walley, Philadelphia
Cassandra McCune Warnsley, Union

Chasity Warren, Philadelphia
Patrick Watson, Forest
Luke Way, Newton
Eric Weaver, Newton
Ashanti Webb, Tampa, FL

Melanie Webb, Philadelphia
Renee Wheeler, Newton
Joe White, Scott Central
Lori White, Little Rock
Sam White, Philadelphia
Densie Whitfield, Decatur
Brandon Williams, Gonzales, LA

Marie Williams, Conehatta
Mary Williams, Forest
Tonya Williamson, Ludlow
Kari Willis, Newton
Perez Willis, Decatur
Kimberly A. Wilson, Lousiville
Latika Wilson, Carthage

Toronda Wilson, Philadelphia
Jennette Winham, Little Rock
Michelle Winstead, Philadelphia
Ryan York, Walnut Grove



Sophomores set the example at the voting boxes.

# What Do You Like Best about ECCC?

Several times during the year students go to the polls to make their selections.

**EC-best pick in '96!**

Christy Mulford: The location is very helpful, along with the new programs.

Haven Haralson: The trees.

Melissa Shive: Some smaller classes.

Chasity Warren: Christmas vacation and spring break.

Tracy Wilson: I like the atmosphere around me.

Christina Davis: The teachers are willing to spare extra time for each student if need arises.

Jay Smith: The size. You don't feel lost in an ocean of people you can never know.

John Brown: The teachers seem to be real nice and are more willing to help than the other colleges I've attended.

Gloria Adams, Brandon
Rebecca Addy, Decatur
Tiffany Agent, Carthage
Kelly Alexander, Little Rock
Ashley Allard, Philadelphia

Chad Allen, Decatur
Elvie Allen, Union
Jason Allen, Louisville
Attalia Amos, Philadelphia
Shameca L. Anderson, Forest

Catherine Andrews, Bolton
Chris Anthony, Morton
Phyllis Armstrong, Morton
Calvin Arrington, Meridian
Keith Arrington, Meridian

Brandi Atkinson, Carthage
Donnie Atkinson, Philadelphia
Madonna Atkinson, Carthage
Calvin Bailey, Union
Stacey Baker, Edinburgh
Deanna Bankston, Union
Nicole T. Barrett, Morton

Joyce Bassett, Forest
Billy Bates, Riley
Kelly Baes, Morton
Christopher Beamon, Newton
Katie Michelle Beavers, Carthage
Jenetta Bell, Forest
Cyrus Ben, Philadelphia

Elijah Ben, Philadelphia
Niceta L. Bender, Montrose
Carol Bennett, Brandon
Melissa Bennett, Louisville
James Benoit, Carthage
Richard Blackburn, Newton
Jerry Blackstock, Kosciusko

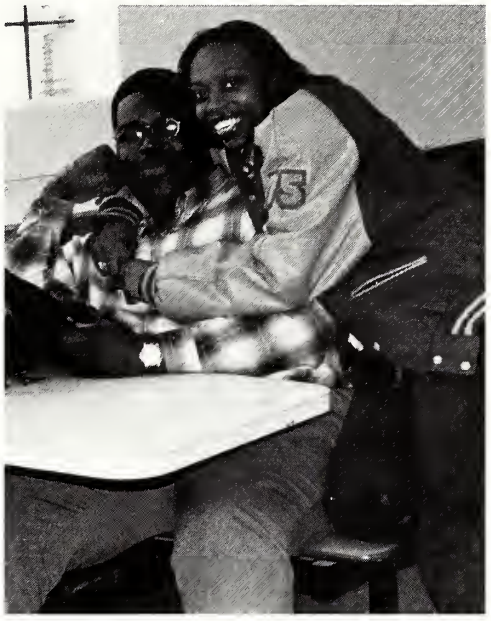
Candi Blackwell, Decatur
Peggy Boatner, Edinburg
Timothy Boswell, Philadelphia
Laura Boyd, Morton
Mandy Boydston, Louisville
Sherie Bradford, Forest
Troye L. Bradshaw, Morton

Melissa Brand, Decatur
Peggy Branning, Philadelphia
Bobby Branum, Collinsville
Shannon Breland, Union
Kemba Bryant, Riverdale
Emily Bullock, Decatur
Melanie Burkett, Kosciusko

Amanda Burks, Philadelphia
Chiquita Burnside, Philadelphia
John Burrell, Forest
Richard Burton, Little Rock
Josh Carroll, Carthage
Detra Carter, Decatur
Felicia Carter, Leake

Kevin Carter, Union
Steven Carter, Philadelphia
Gary Mason Certain, Jr., Forest
Lasicillie Chambers, Meridian
Leigha Chancellor, Louisville
Brian Chaney, Newton
Georgia Chaney, Little Rock

# What Do Students Like about Central Mississippi?



Niceta Bender and Levar Robinson demonstrate their idea of Southern friendliness.

**Peace and quiet with a smile**

"When it snows, it's not a whole winter thing."
"Hunting and fishing."
"The friendliness of people in small towns."
"The fact that some people are still willing to help one another in a time of need."
"Less crime."
"The feeling of simpler times in days gone by."
"The weather — most of the time."
"It's home. People are friendly. Seems like everybody knows everybody."
"It has a real laid-back type of atmosphere."
"It is pleasant and quiet."

Annette Chapman, Newton
Eve Chapman, Philadelphia
Stephanie Childress, Noxapater
Ingrid Chirino, Forest
Sandra Chisolm, Philadelphia

Kendrick Clancy, Tuscaloosa, AL
Julie Clanton, Newton
Dejuan Clark, Tusculusa
Jason Coleman, Carthage
Greg Collins, Noxapater

Crystal Cooley, Hickory
Lykisa K. Cooley, Waynesboro
Jason Cooper, Carthage
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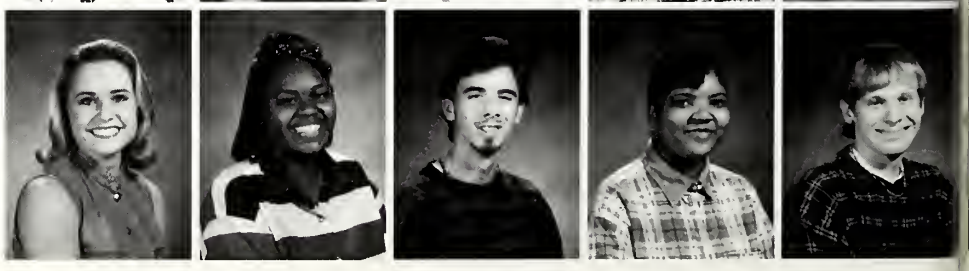
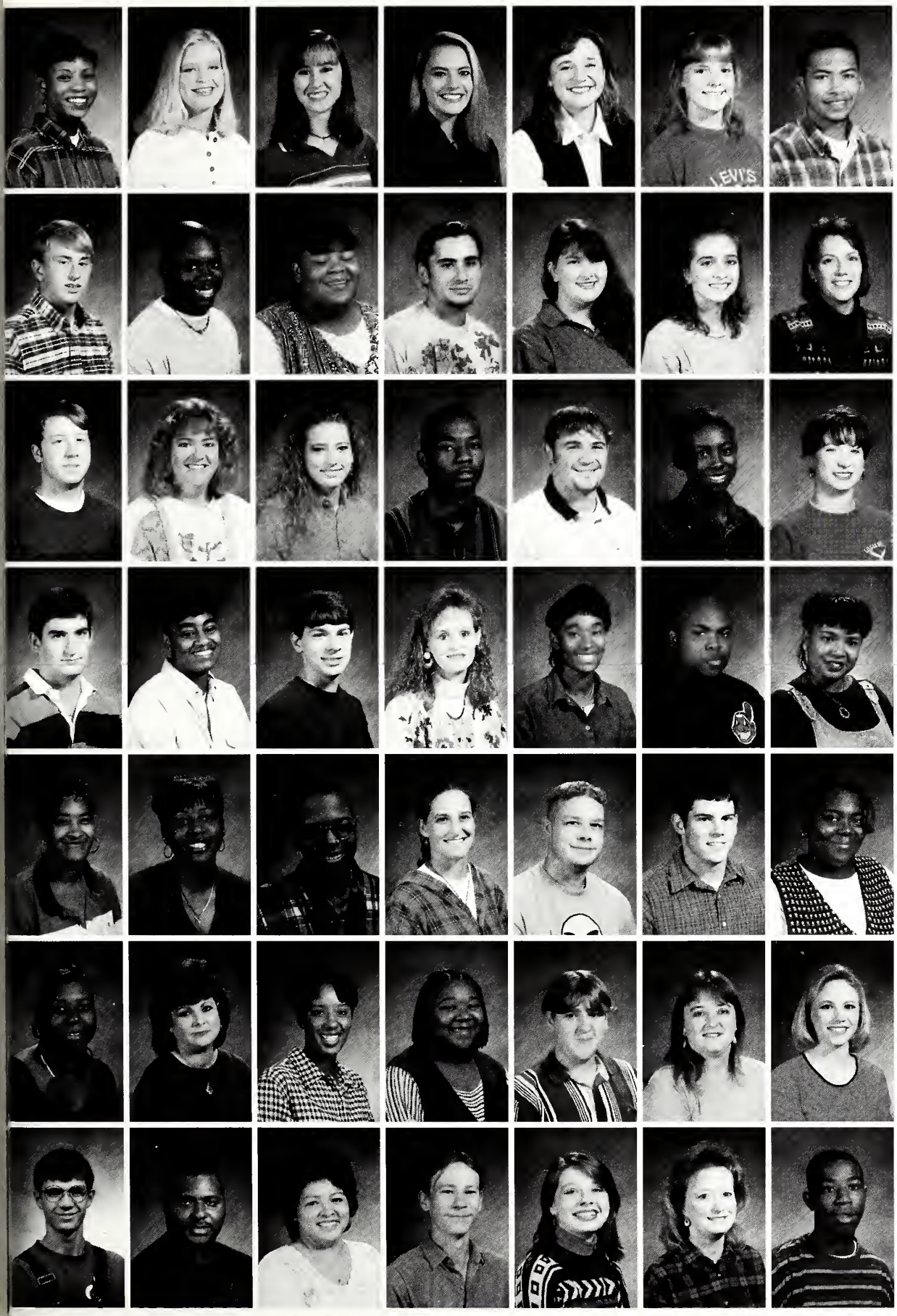




Kamonica Craig, Louisville
Stephanie Craig, Hickory
Jennifer Craft, Forest
Erin Craven, Newton
Paula Crawford,
Philadelphia
April Crocker, Little Rock
Demetrius Cross,
Walnut Grove

Rusty Cumberland,
Philadelphia
William Curry,
Tusculoosa, AL
Shunta Darby, Walnut Grove
Robert Daniels, Union
Christina Davis, Louisville
Michelle Davis, Decatur
Mary Dearman, Morton

Barry Denson, Lena
Heather Denson, Morton
Derrick Donald, Quitman
Scottie Dorman,
Philadelphia
Lashannon Ealy, Lena
Natalie Edwards, Macon

Kevin Elis, Noxapater
Tiffany Ellis, Newton
Aaron Emerson,
Philadelphia
Melinda Eaves, Louisville
Carla Evans, Meridian
Jeffery Evans, Newton
Laketa Evans, Hickory

Nedra Evans, Newton
Nikki Evans, Louisville
Tory Evans, Newton
Réna Ezelle, Clinton
Travis Faith, Union
Jayme Ferguson, Union
Marcia Ferrell, Steele

LaCole Ficklin, Lena
Terri Denise Fleming, Union
Jamie Floyd, Smackover, AK
Rhonda Fox, Philadelphia
Clark Fox, Union
Ruth Franklin, Union
Joni French, Forest

Wesley Fulton, Philadelphia
Rodney Gallaspy, Decatur
Juanita Gardinski,
Philadelphia
William Garrison, Newton
Crystal Germany, Neshoba
Cynthia Gibbs, Lake
Alex Gill, Walnut Grove

# Music That Tells "The Way We Were"

Jessica Everett puts the finishing touches on her painting that depicts "The Way We Were."

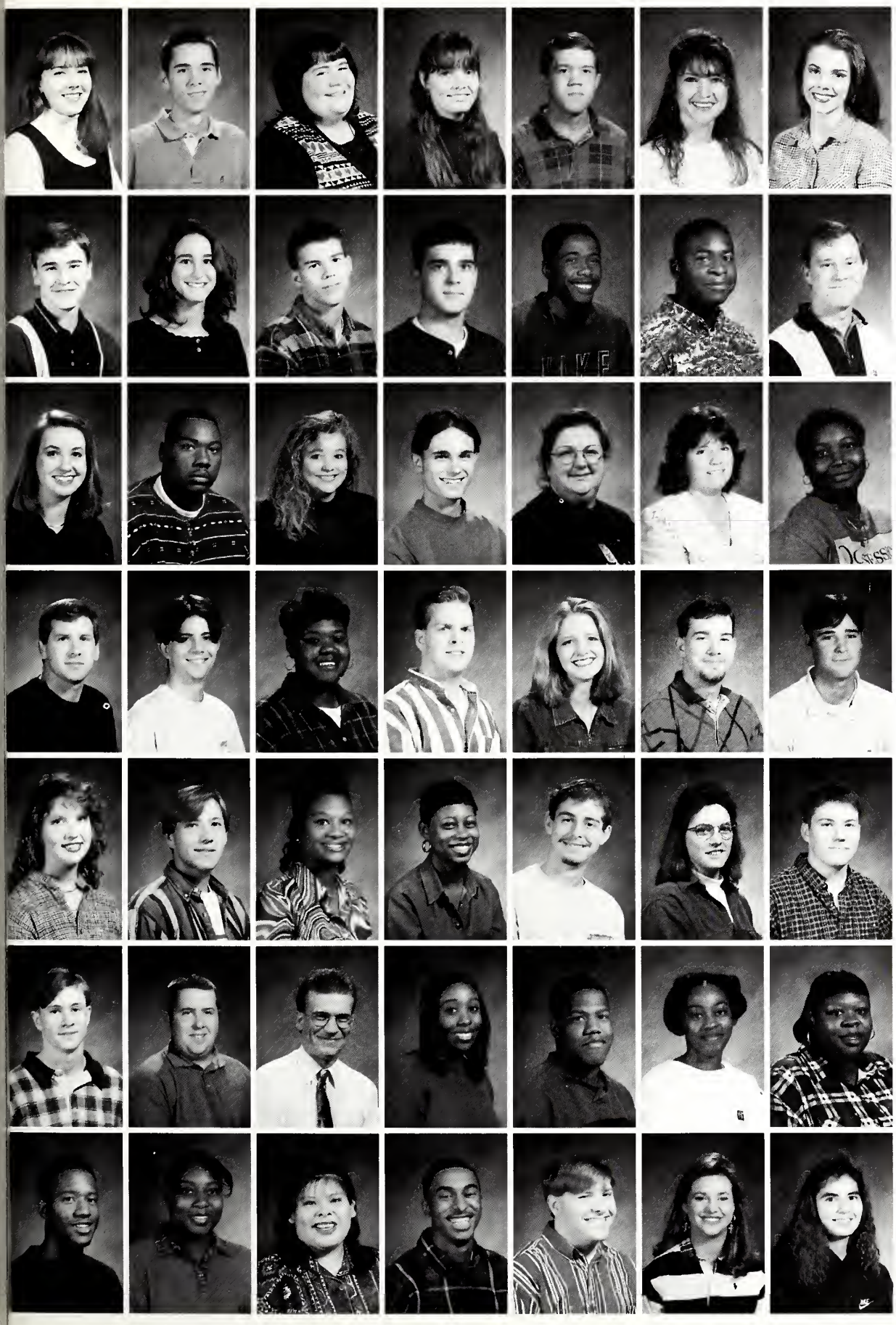
**What is your favorite song?**

Leslie Swindle: "Strawberry Wine"
Jolynn Hall: "I Swear"
Kristi Martin: "It's All Coming Back to Me"
Jessica Everett: "Sexual Healing"
Brian Sistrunk: "She Talks to Angels"
Stephanie King: "Best of My Love"
Attalia Amos: The theme song from *The Simpsons*
Crystal Germany: "Strawberry Wine"
Laketa Glenn: "One in a Million"
Allison Hamer: "Linger"
Keith Russ: "Ironic"
Jason Alford: "Don't Speak"
Matthew L. Purvis: "Third Eye"

Chasity Gill, Newton
Laura Gill, Carthage
Amanda Gilbert, Carthage
Linda Gilbert, Lena
Ryan Gilmer, Philadelphia

Richelle Givens, Meridian
LaKita Glenn, Louisville
Amy Elizabeth Gomillion, Walnut Grove
Cindy Goss, Sebastopol
Leigh Ann Graham, Decatur

Larry Grantham, Clinton
Jason Gray, Philadelphia
Stephanie Gray, Lake
Terri Green, Philadelphia
Ginger Ann Greer, Carthage



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Brooke Griffith, Hickory
Christy Gross, Sebastopol
Jason Hailey, Louisville
Lisa Hale, Raleigh
Allison Hamer, Starkville

Daniel Hamilton, Louisville
Holly Hamrick, Newton
Christopher Haralson, Forest
Brian Hardy, Philadelphia
Rufus Hardy, Lawrence
Undeon Hardy, Philadelphia
Michael Harper, Carthage

Janet Harrison, Little Rock
Kencay Harrison, Decatur
Krystal Harrison, Newton
William Harvey, Hattiesburg
Mary E. Hathaway, Brandon
Melissa Hawkins, Raleigh
Demeteria Hayman, Philadelphia

Kevin Hayman, Morton
Jody Haynes, Louisville
Kimberly Haynes, Louisville
George Hedgepeth, Little Rock
Janet Hedgepeth, Union
James Hemphill, Louisville
Seth Herbert, New Iberia, LA

Joni Hicks, Neshoba
Johhny Hill, Newton
Quanta Hill, Philadelphia
Nicole Hodge, Union
Gary Hodges, Sebastopol
Susan Holley, Union
David Hollingsworth, Newton

Harley Hollingsworth, Carthage
Harold Hollingsworth, Meridian
Randy D. Howell, Philadelphia
Shaquanaia Huddleston, Newton
Timothy Huddleston, Union
Sharonda Hudson, Forest
Jacqueline Hughes, Forest

John Hughes, Forest
Tawanna Hunter, Union
Valerie Isaac, Philadelphia
Carlos Jenkins, Lake
Chris Jenkins, Carthage
Heather Jennings, Louisville
Ann Jim, Conehatta

# Who Is Your Favorite Singer or Group?

Niceta Bender sings in tune with the times.

**In tune with the times**

Erin Craven: Jimmy Buffett
Gaydon Richardson: The Eagles
Kimberly Haynes: Keith Sweat
Charles Lightsey: Extreme
Jimmy Kincaid: 2 PAC
Stephanie Gibbon: Aerosmith
Amy Parker: Bryan Adams
Nathan King: Guardian
Kathy Moulds: Smashing Pumpkins
Allison Hamer: The Cranberries
Shoney Nelson: George Strait
Sheretha Brown: Escape

Bianca Jim, Philadelphia
Jared Jim, Philadelphia
Byron Johnson, Macon
Calvin Johnson, Newton
Crystal Johnson, Louisville

Cynthia Johnson, Forest
Eddie Johnson, Morton
Leandrea Johnson, Conehatta
Marcus Johnson, Morton
Penny Johnson, Noxapater

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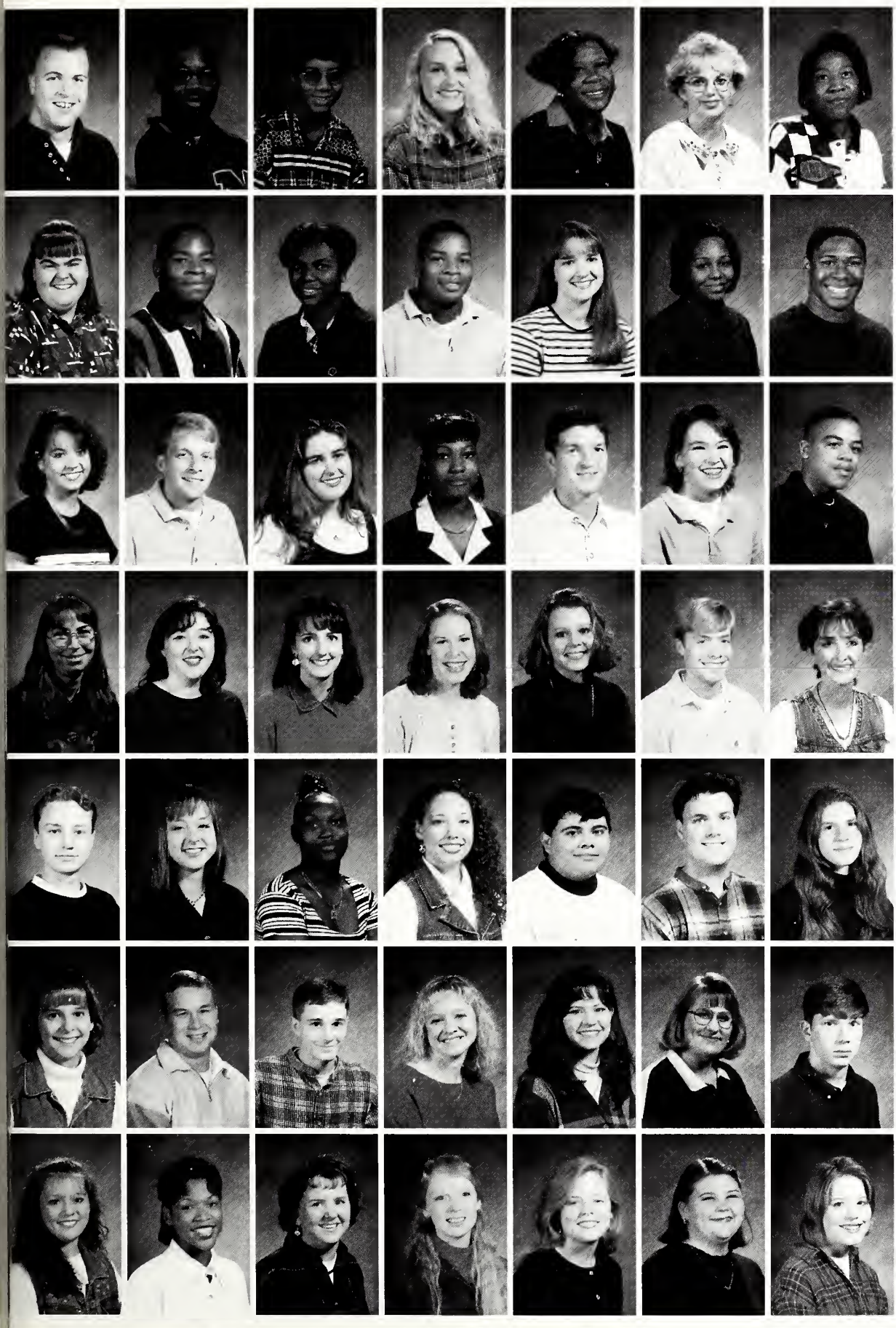
Betty Jones, Philadelphia



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Jermaine Jones, Newton
Lakeshia Jones, Carthage
Tori Jordan, Decatur
Lakeshia Kennedy, Lena
Pamela Kilpatrick, Philadelphia
Menola Latrina Kincaid, Morton

Keidra King, Morton
Melvin Knowles, Louisville
Sandra Lampkin, Conehatta
Shondrice Lampley, Noxapater
Marianne Lang, Sebastopol
Felicia Lay, Forest
Alexander Lee, Lake

Jennifer Lee, Philadelphia
Michael Lee, Union
Christy Lewis, Walnut Grove
Shaunta Lewis, Walnut Grove
Charles Lightsey, Philadelphia
Misty Littrell, Meridian
Shaun Loyd, Morton

Maxium Lobentovich, Newton
Lana Lohrer, Decatur
Felicia Loper, Lake
Kara Loper, Philadelphia
Kenneth Lore, Philadelphia
Wesley Lovern, Philadelphia
Pamela Luke, Little Rock

Mary Gaye Lunsford, Collinsville
Benita Madden, Edinburg
Dawn Madison, Philadelphia
Jody L. Mangum, Esparta, CA
Sonya Mangum, Morton
Jeff Manuel, Carthage
Skarlotte Massey, Union

Natasha Mathis, Decatur
Stephen May, Lawrence
Mitch McAdory, Noxapater
Abby McCarty, LaPlace, LA
Candice McCormick, Forest
Kelly McCoy, Carthage
Seth McCoy, Philadelphia

Regena Marie McCraw, Sebastopol
Billie McCune, Union
Misty McCurdy, Morton
Jennifer McDaniel, Union
Amanda McGahey, Morton
Marissa L. McGee, Hickory
Vicky McGee, Forest

# "For Your Viewing Pleasure"-Favorite Flicks

Jessica Everett's painting of Scarlett and Rhett from *Gone with the Wind* was the hit of the art show.

**What is the best movie you have ever seen?**

Ashley Allard: *Dangerous Minds*
Daniel Fulton: *Braveheart*
Glenn Rushing: *Forrest Gump*
Jessie Howard: *Mission Impossible*
Keith Russ: *Good Fellas*
Ronnie Thrash: *Independence Day*
Leslie Swindle: *Legends of the Fall*
Misty Smith: *The Crow*
Jolynn Hall: *A Time to Kill*
Ronnie Morris: *Tombstone*
Jimmy Kincaid: *Coming to America*
Jacob Sudduth: *The Rock*
Regina Wilson: *Set It Off*

Kelly McGriff, Carthage
Kenny McMillon, Carthage
Sandra McMillan, Edinburg
Shane McNair, Carthage
Kim Migliore, New Orleans, LA

Jones Miles, Louisville
Justin Miles, Nanih Waiya
Teresa Mitchell, Union
Timothy Mitchell, Forest
Bess Mize-Ragan, Newton

Dale E. Moncrief, Newton
Herbert Montgomery, Lafayette, LA
Amanda Moore, Carthage
Beverly Moore, Forest
Deffany Moore, Philadelphia

Patricia Moore, Newton
Rod Moore, Louisville
Serena Morris, Philadelphia
Shannon Morris, Philadelphia
Bobby Moss, Carthage
Kathy Moulds, Decatur
Heather Munn, Newton

Rebecca Munn, Decatur
David Neal, Carthage
Hope Nelson, Philadelphia
Shoney Nelson, Union
Jason Nixon, Seminole, GA
Michelle Noblin, Lake
Jarvis Norman, Newton

Kiwana Norman, Newton
Shuelet Norman, Walnut Grove
Jeremy Nowell, Louisville
Yvonne Nowell, Philadelphia
Shelia Oliver, Litle Rock
Anthony Palokas, Carthage
Jeremy Parks, Louisville

Toronto Parker, Forest
Crystal Pate, Conehatta
Stephanie Patrick, Forest
Tracy Patrick, Lake
Raphael Payne, Newton
Rarlon Payne, Newton
Stephanie Peebles, Union

Hollie Penson, Union
Layla Peoples, Newton
Carrie Perkins, Walnut Grove
Ron Permenter, Lawrence
Cheretta Perry, Strong, AK
Derick Perry, Union
Roy Pete, Hickory

Amy Phillips, Lake
Brock Phillips, Philadelphia
Carla Phillips, Sebastopol
Amanda Posey, Philadelphia
Stephanie Powell, Pearl
Josh Quinn, Union
Ben Rasco, Forest

Jill Ray, Carthage
Desmond Reed, Carthage
Ashlea Renfroe, Morton
Gaydon Richardson, Lousiville
James Ridout, Philadelphia
Yuvonnica Riley, Lake
Krisan Lynette Risher, Sebastopol

# These Stars Shine in Mississippi Eyes

What about it Whitney Salter and Jill (Martin)? Acting lessons or sincere puzzlement?

**Who is your favorite movie actor or actress?**

Deric Horne: Eddie Murphy
Tashika Wraggs: Denzel Washington
Ashley Allard: Sandra Bullock
Gaydon Richardson: Demi Moore and Mel Gibson
Erin Craven: Tom Cruise and Julia Roberts
Ken Thrash: John Wayne
Robert. C. Shephard: Whitney Houston
Kay Evans: Kevin Costner
Jessica Everett: Jack Nicholson
Billie D. Bates: Sam Elliot and Sandra Bullock
Crystal Germany: Sean Connery
Laketa Glenn: Denzel Washington
Allison Eubanks: Robert Redford

Traci Roberson, Louisville
Amber Robert, Carthage
Adrienne Robinson, Newton
Jason Robinson, Noxapater
LeVar Robinson, Morton

Carrie Rodriquez, Forest
Antonio Rogers, Union
Amy Joyce Rook, Louisville
Brandy Rush, Philadelphia
Hope Rushing, Sebastopol

James Rushing, Meridian
Kisha Rushing, Walnut Grove
Derek Russell, Philadelphia
Tiffany Russell, Decatur
David Salers, Carthage

Andrea Sam, Philadelphia
Christy Sanders, Carthage
Mandy Sanders, Carthage
Shad Sanders, Carthage
Zachary Sanders, Neshoba
James Sanderson, Philadelphia
Kristi Savell, Carthage

Michael Scarbrough, Philadelphia
Todd Settlemir, Carthage
Kim Shaffer, Decatur
Eric Sharp, Philadelphia
Teresha Sharp, Morton
Brian Shaw, Forest
Connie Nicole Simpson, Morton

Billy Singleton, Philadelphia
Kevin Singleton, Enterprise
Brian Sistrunk, Carthage
Tina Sistrunk, Sebastopol
Kris Smith, Carthage
Mandy Smith, Philadelphia
Misty Smith, Union

Terry Smith, Philadelphia
Johnny Solomon, Lena
Amy Spears, Carthage
Diane Spencer, Forest
Stephen Spire, Union
Adria Stamper, Decatur
Kendrick Stennis, Nanih Waiya

Chris Stewart, Carthage
Ginger Stovall, Philadelphia
Roshonda Street, Philadelphia
Darrick Stribling, Carthage
Lawrence Stribling, Carthage
Joni Strickland, Newton
David Stroud, Sturgiss

Lisa Sullivan, Louisville
Darell Summerville, Meridian
Fred Summerville, Meridian
Tamekia Surrell, Newton
Tameka Sutton, Philadelphia
Lisa Taylor, Lake
Kristie Temple, Hickory

Diane Thames, Decatur
Seth Thomas, Philadelphia
Tosha Thomas, Philadelphia
Walter Thomas, Carthage
Deric Thompson, Newton
Justin Thornton, Carthage
Melissa Thornton, Carthage

# Classic TV-No Boob Tubes Here!

Computer screens replace TV screens during the day. Ann Jim uses the computer for career research.

**What is your favorite television program?**

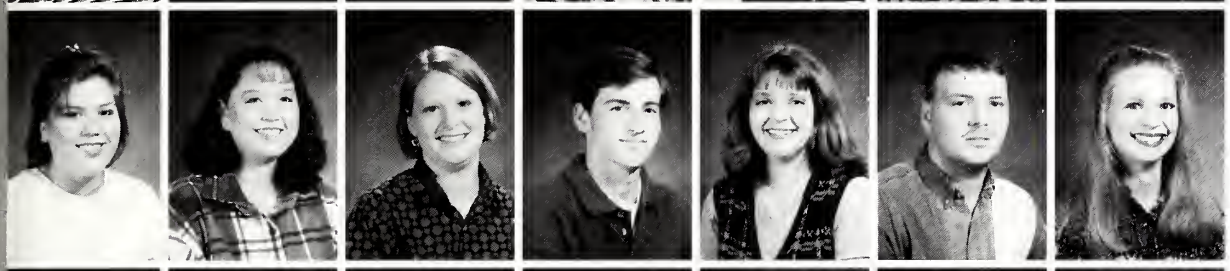
Allison Hamer: *ER*
Ronnie Thrash: *The Tonight Show Starring Jay Leno*
Dwayne Evans: *Martin*
Jennifer McDaniel: *The Pretender*
Mandy Boydston: *Beverly Hills 90210*
Ken Thrash: *Rescue 911*
Chondra Wheaton: *New York Undercover*
Eve Chapman: *Third Rock from the Sun*
Mary D. Johnson: *Wheel of Fortune*
Bess Mize Ragan: *Murphy Brown*
LaRee Lyle: *Party of Five*
Aletha Farmer: *Home Improvement*
Daniel Fulton: *Highlander*
Jessie Howard: *Family Matters*

Neil Thornton, Union
Rusty Thornton, Edinbug
Chasity Thrash, Union
Ken Thrash, Union
Magan Triplett, Louisville

Pamela Triplett, Union
Donna Tubby, Carthage
Nona Tucker, Little Rock
Toshiba Tyler, Louisville
Chris Vanetten, Forest

Christal Vanlandingham, Louisville
Gilberto Venzen, Georgia
Jason Wade, Carthage
Shaun Walker, Morton
Tambra Walker, Hickory

Crystal Ward, Little Rock
Edward Ware, Conehatta
Suzanne Warren, Forest
Kevin Washington, Lena
Amy Watkins, Carthage
Randi Watkins, Lena
Bryan Watkins, Carthage

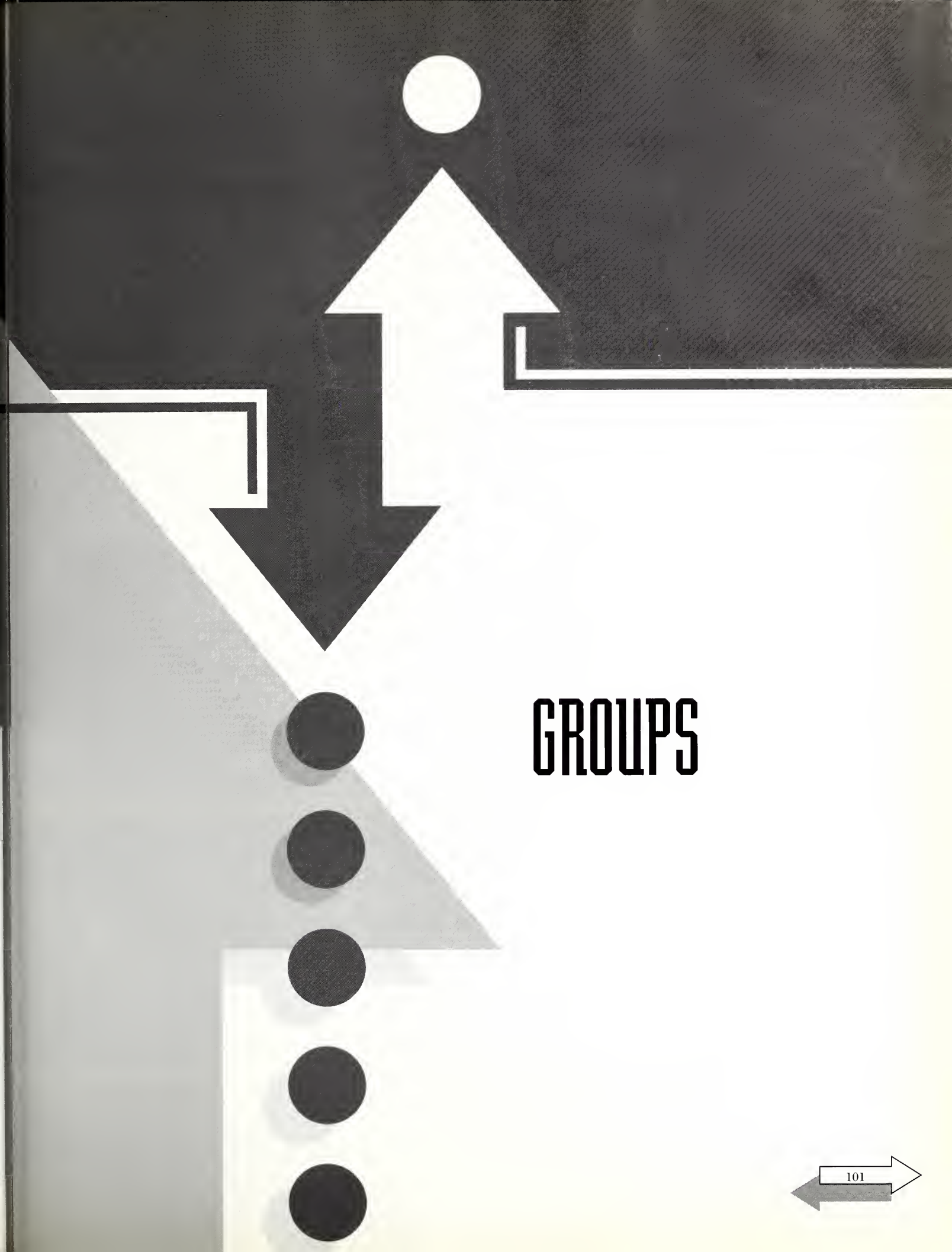


Cheryl Watkins, Lake
Rachel Way, Decatur
Kristi Weaver, Forest
Brian Weir, Philadelphia
Jennifer Wells, Philadelphia
Gary White, Forest
Sarah Whitesell, Forest

Theresa Wiggs, Philadelphia
Feleshia Williams, Madden
Leslie Williams, Philadelphia
TaRita Williamson,
Philadelphia
Regina Wilson, Hickory
Aisha Windham, Newton
Dana Lea Withers, Carthage

Steve Woitt, Carthage
Brandy Woods, Scott Central
Greg Wood, Decatur
Tashika Wraggs, Louisville
Jeremy Wright, Louisville
Jack Wylie, Montgomery, AL
Rosa York, Philadelphia

Deborah Young,
Philadelphia
Kellie Young, Forest
Megan Young, Louisville
Vanessa Young, Philadelphia
Natasha Youngblood,
Morton



# GROUPS

Adria Stamper, a member of Mu Alpha Theta, recognizes the importance of academic preparation.

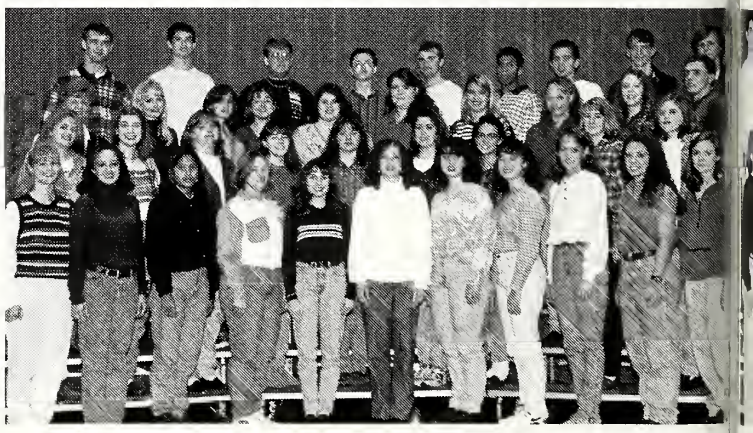
Remember the movie *Revenge of the Nerds?* The "cool" students were contemptuous of the "less fortunate ones": the studious and the serious. The film depicted nearly every stereotype imaginable, and, though it was all played for laughs, portrayed college as an armed camp pitting the beautiful but shallow against the homely but brilliant.

Hey — time for a reality check. Visit a few of East Central's curricular organization meetings and discover the truth: brainy does not equal boring; pocket protectors do not determine social status: and "nerds" are merely fictional characters.

The evidence is everywhere. One of the Student Education Association's meetings, for instance, featured Judy Beard of the Mississippi Teachers Center, who stressed that "those who can" should teach; "those who can't" need not apply. She noted that the profession requires strong, knowledgeable, active people who revel in challenges and aren't afraid of hard work. EC's curricular organizations are no "ivory tower" groups unaware of and unconcerned with the "real world." For example, Mu Alpha Theta (mathematics) members bought a brick to support the college's archway project and participated in the sign contest at Homecoming '96. Alpha Alpha Epsilon (engineering) and Sigma Sigma Mu Tau (science) continued to play a vital role in the EC community.

There are no nerds at East Central. There *are* men and women who are calmly preparing themselves to "take on" the world. Thank goodness!

SEA (1st L to R): Kelly Hollingsworth, Kelly McCoy, Whitney Salter, Feleshia Williams, Kelly Alexander, Ashley Davidson, Deanna Bankston. (2nd): Jolynn Hall, Robin Burkes, Rena Ezelle, Janet Harrison, Nikki Callahan, Lillian Blalock. (3rd): Sammy Sullivan, Donnie Atkinson, Miranda Lucroy, Wendy Davis



Mu Alpha Theta (1st L to R): Tonya Williamson, Karen McRae, Amanda Bell, Madonna Atkinso Melonie Webb, Olivia Hamil, Ginger Green, Adria Stamper, Deanna Bankston, Kara Lope Stephanie Taylor. (2nd): Kim Shaffer, Janet Harrison, Adella Rainer, Sissy Greer, Amand Moore, Christina Miller, TaRita Williamson, Kim Tew, Karen Persons. (3rd): Lois McMulla Sponsor, Krisan Risher, Detra Carter, Lana Lohrer, Amanda Gilbert, Amy Spears, Suzanne Wa ren, Amy Moore, Angela Keen, Stevie Richards. (4th): Justin Miles, Jonathan Sharp, Lee Rigdo Andy Sistrunk, Nic Massey, Teddy McMillan, Nathan King, Scott Watkins, Jake Jenkins

Mrs. Linda Mock addresses the educational groups and health groups.

Angela King and Olivia Hamil demonstrate versatility as they ponder over the paintings and drawings at the student art show.

# *Out of the IVORY TOWER, into the WORLD*

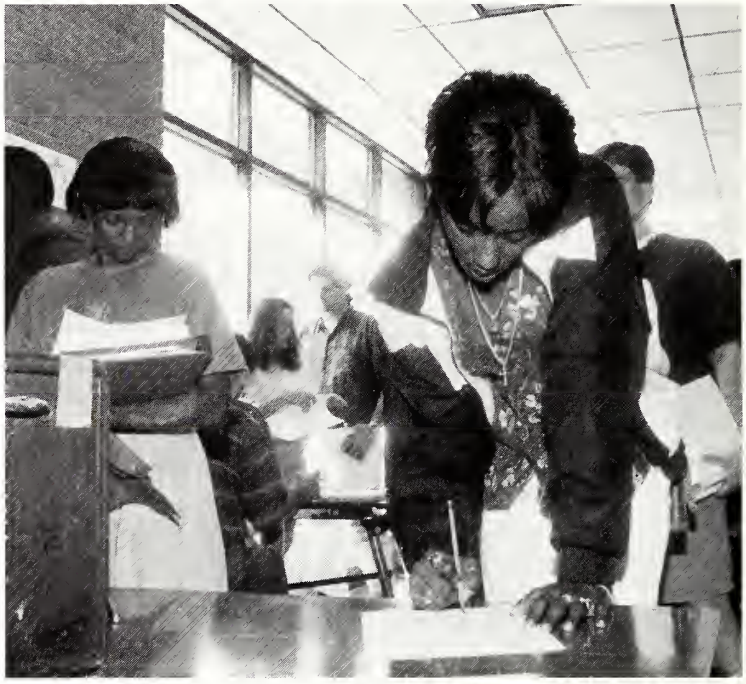
Nic Massey moves easily from math to music - a not-too-foreign principle.

Sigma Sigma Mu Tau (1st L to R): Mandy Smith, Paula Crawford, Ashlea Renfroe, Tonya Williamson, Melanie Webb, Kelly Cook, Ginger Greer, Angela King, Denise Whitfield, Ron Davis. (2nd): Dan Savell, Larry Grantham, Natalie Smith, Joni Hicks, Jennifer Wells, Andy Sistrunk, Johnny Solomon, Eric Plaisance. (3rd): Jonathan Sharp, Lee Rigdon, Jason Frith, Trottie Walkins, Justin Griffin, Daniel Hamilton, Michael Scarbrough, Brock Phillips, Sam White.

Alpha Alpha Epsilon (1st L to R): Tripp Gaddis, Allyson McPhail, Brook Knight, Nathan King, Tim Chapman. (2nd) Dr. Shelby Harris, advisor; Brian Shaw, Rob Fulton, Matt Eakes, Justin Miles, Kenny McMillon.

Phi Beta Lambda members indulge in all the "goodies" at the organization's Christmas party.

# *PREPARING for the CHALLENGES of BUSINESS and INDUSTRY*

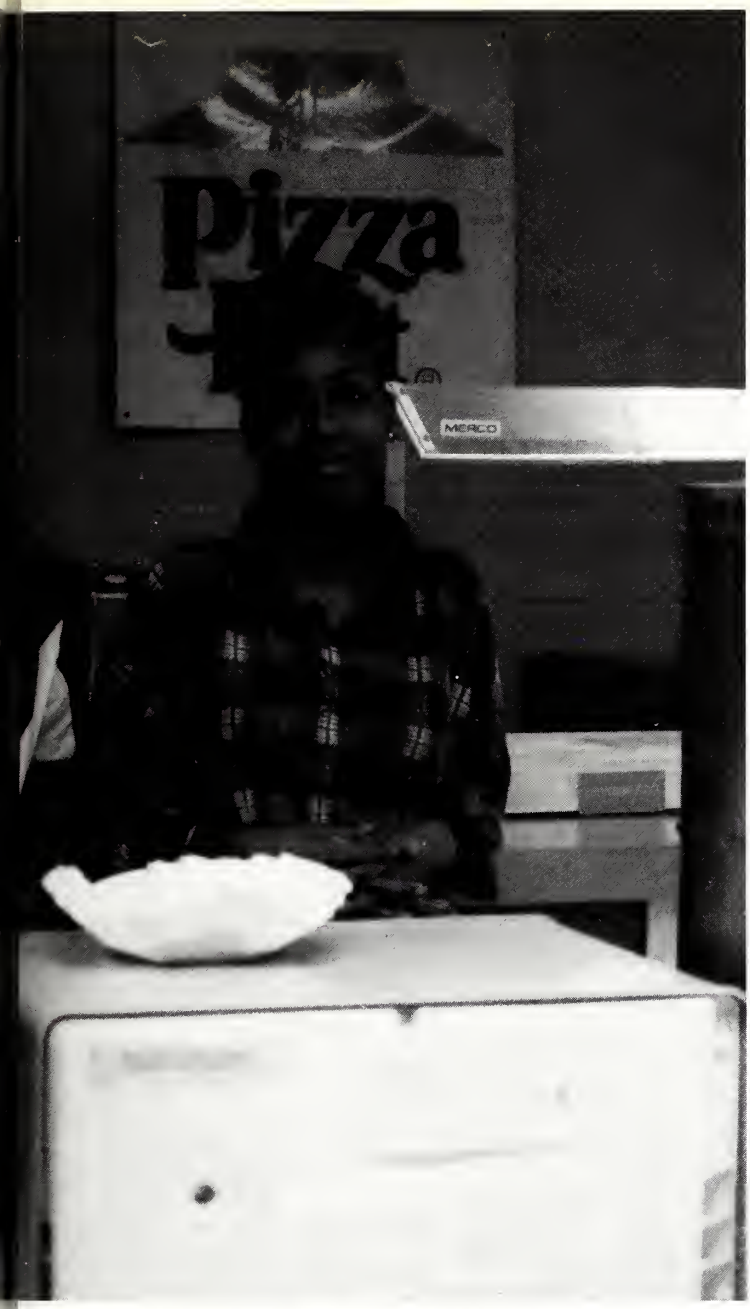


Students exercise free enterprise by participating in the various elections held on campus.

Chris Crosby and Karen Evans wait patiently for the next pizza to be served.

Students in Free Entrprise: (front L to R) Krisan Risher, Adella Rainer, Corey Robinson, Stephanie Taylor, Jill Marin, Steve Richardson, Vickie McGee, Brandi Myrick; (second row) Ben Wall, Brian Shaw, Victor Parker, Terri Cook, Joe Greer, Gary Butler

Native American group: (L to R) Gloria Johnson, sponsor; Gail Wood, sponsor Juanita Gardinski, Norma Bacon, Ryan York, Roddy Nicky, Tracy Shoemake Latika Wilson, Betty Jones, Karen Frazier



New Directions and Phi Beta Lambda member Jeralyn Perkins works in the computer lab as her fellow student studies over their class notes.

THEY seemed to be everywhere, Did you attend a football or basketball game? One of THEM sold you a program.

Did you indulge your sweet tooth with doughnuts? You probably got your treats from THEM.

THEY are the members of Phi Beta Lambda, a business organization at East Central. In addition to athletic program and doughnut sales, group members also raffled a football autographed by Jay Novacek of the Dallas Cowboys.

Fundraising was only a part of PBL's agenda, which included competition and travel. Several students represented EC at the state fall meeting in Jackson; five attended the national fall leadership conference in Atlanta. Members also competed in such areas as computer programming, word processing, and economics at the spring state convention.

THEY are your friends, your neighbors, your classmates. THEY are the members of Phi Beta Lambda — and their devotion to EC challenges the rest of US to do the same!

New Directions: (L to R) Ann Stephens, Kelly McCoy, Jeralyn Perkins, Teresa Mitchell, Denise Whitfield, Sammy Sullivan, Donnie Atkins, Billy Dwayne Bates

Phi Beta Lambda (L to R) (first row) Stephanie Taylor, Julie Laird, Regena McCraw, TaRita Williamson, Brandi Myrick, Adella Rainer, Ann Stephens, (second row) Joni Hicks, Jennifer Wells, Jedidah Moore, Christina Miller, Tonya Williamson, Jeralyn Perkins (third row) Richard Blackborn, Krisan Risher, Stephanie Cook

Joel Rendleman wraps up the talent show as he "raps" for the audience.

East Central Community College.

*Community.*

A sincere concern for and devotion to the welfare of its *community* is part of what makes EC so special. Organizations such as SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) support that concern and make it their own.

For example, a bake sale and successful talent show enabled SADD members to gift a local family at Christmas with clothes, games, and toys — proving that Santa Claus isn't just a fat man with a beard. The students traditionally sponsor a Valentine's Day activity that raises funds for various "good will/helping hand" projects; they enliven Homecoming each year with spirited, well-crafted signs; and their continued efforts to eliminate drinking and driving on Mississippi highways have inspired young people and adults alike.

*Community.*

It's what SADD is all about.

SADD members: (front L to R) Linda Jones, co-sponsor; Dan Hendon, Billie McCune, Denise Whitfield, Charlie Lightsey, Olivia Hamel, Angela Luke, co-sponsor; (back) Yulonda Amos, Kevin Carter, Eddie Johnson, Marcus Johnson

TOM-TOM staff (front L to R) Sherie Bradford, Vickie McGee; (back) Amand. Barfoot, Richard Edwards, Jerami Beard

ECCC Talent Show winners: (from left) Jermaine Jones, Shawn Lloyd, Teresa Mitchell, Joel Rendleman and Patrick Ford

Teresa Mitchell sang an original piece titled "Country Comfort" with which she greatly impressed us all.

Karen and DeWayne Evans share their love for gospel music with the talent show audience.

*SERVICE to the COMMUNITY, DEVOTION to a CAUSE*

ECCC Players: (L to R) Corey Robinson, Lisa Harrison, Olivia Hamil, Richard Edwards, Karen Persons, LaRee Lyle, Ben Wall

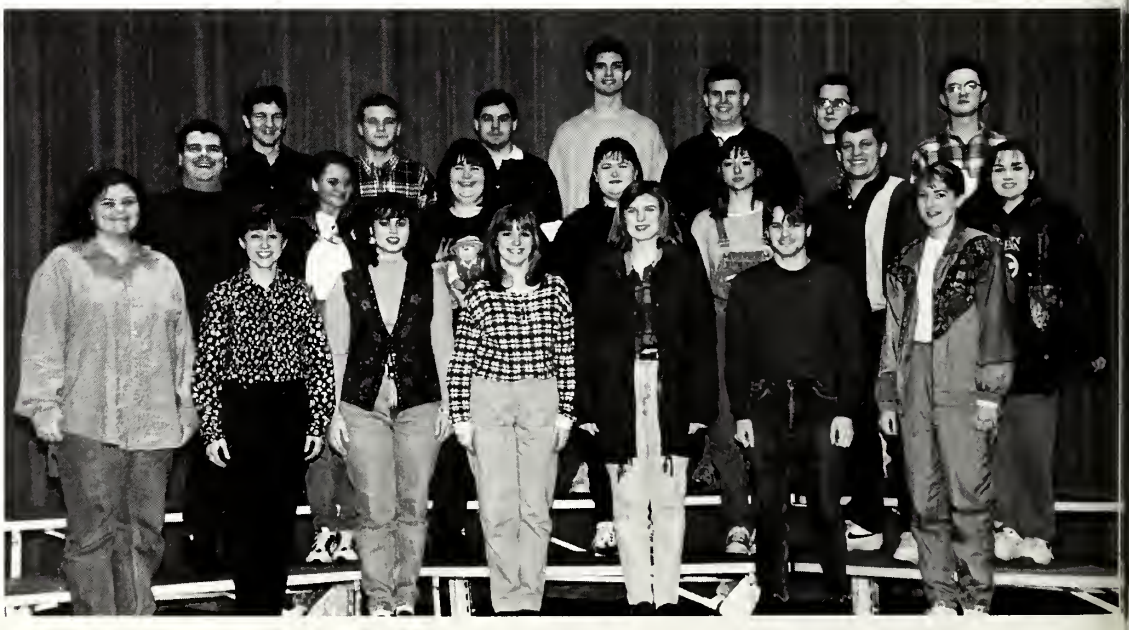
ECCC Fashion Squad: ((front L to R) Michelle Davis, Shaunta Lewis, Amy Gomillion, Suzanne Warren, Penny Johnson, Deanna Bankston, Julie Clanton, Krisan Risher, (back) Erin Craven, Vicki McGee, Crystal Cooley, Brandy Woods, Laura Anderson, Shauna Chisolm, Olivia Hamil

Jason Alford and April Crocker enjoy the comfort of the BSU Center as they visit, listen to music, and often find food to eat!

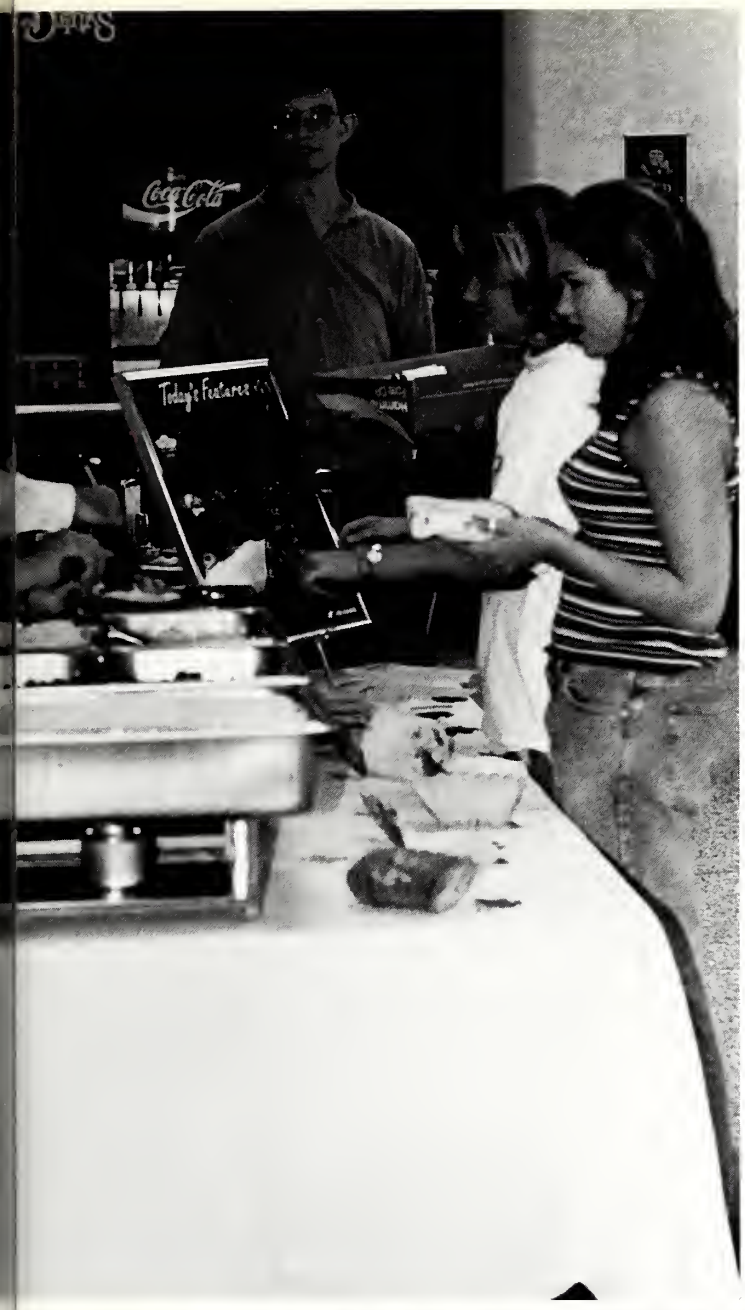
# *A "HUNGER" for GUIDANCE and FELLOWSHIP*

FCA female members: (front L to R) Stephanie Taylor, Lakeshia Kennedy, Sandra Lampkin, Regene McGraw, Lana Lohree; (back) Stephani Gray, Cheretta Perry, Danyelle Johnson, Jamie Floyd, Monica Craig

BSU president Jonathan Sharp (center) distributes information about BSU activities so that all students have the opportunity to participate.



BSU members: (front L to R) Marissa McGee, Ashlea Renfroe, Ginger Greer, April Crocker, Tabitha McGee, Jason Jones, Kim Tew; (middle) Dale Round, Chasity Thrash, Brooke Griffith, T.J. Alexander, Lana Lohrer, T. Scott Vaughn, Director, Renee Wheeler, (back) Charles Lightsey, Dan Hendon, Jason Alford, Jonathan Sharp, Michael Scarbrough, Joey Lang, Andy Sistrunk



FCA member Monica Craig is escorted onto the football field by Maurice Jones during Homecoming ceremonies.

Ever heard of the Lunch Bunch?

If not, you've really missed something. The Lunch Bunch, sponsored by EC's Wesley Foundation, is a weekly event featuring food and fellowship — students with personal testimonies or devotionals, guest speakers such as Joey Lang, singing, and prayer. Under the guidance of the Rev. Rick Brooks, the Wesley Foundation develops and enhances students' spiritual education through a variety of activities, including weekend retreats such as the statewide gathering in February at Roosevelt Lake.

Hey — anybody hungry?

WESLEY members: (front L to R) Ginger Greer, Ashlea Renfroe, Jason Jones, April Crocker, Kim Tew; (middle) Dan Hendon, Joey Lang, Olivia Hamil, Renee Wheeler, Dale Round; (back) Andy Sistrunk, Michael Scarbrough, Rev. Rick Brooks, sponsor; Jonathan Sharp, Marissa McGee

Leigh Ann Graham thrills the crowds at the Collegian concerts.

We knew they could sing — beautifully!

We knew they were graceful — they showed us!

But more extensive use of choreography has taken Ac'cents from talented ensemble to gifted show choir — "moves" to which audiences have been enthusiastically receptive, says Charles Hinson, the group's director. With choreography designed by Staci Matthews, a USM student who holds a degree in dance from Miss. State, Ac'cents wowed people throughout the area. Performances included the Lions Club District Banquet, the DAR patriotic program at Newton's Train Station and concerts at Newton Co. High School, Winston Academy, Forest High School, and Louisville High School.

We knew they were good — and now they're even better!

The CONCERT CHOIR has the largest group in recent years and has had one of the busiest schedules in some time! Students are discovering anew the joys of singing and the pleasure of learning different styles of music, even the music of the greats of the past!

The GOSPEL CHOIR always delights listeners with its soulful gospel renditions. This popular group has many performances at local area churches.

AC'CENTS: (front L to R) Ashlea Renfroe, Tripp Gaddis, Kelly Alexander, Jeremy Swindle (back) Holly Hamrick, Lee Rigdon, Lisa Harrison, LaRee Lyle, Shawn Houser, Janet Hedgepeth

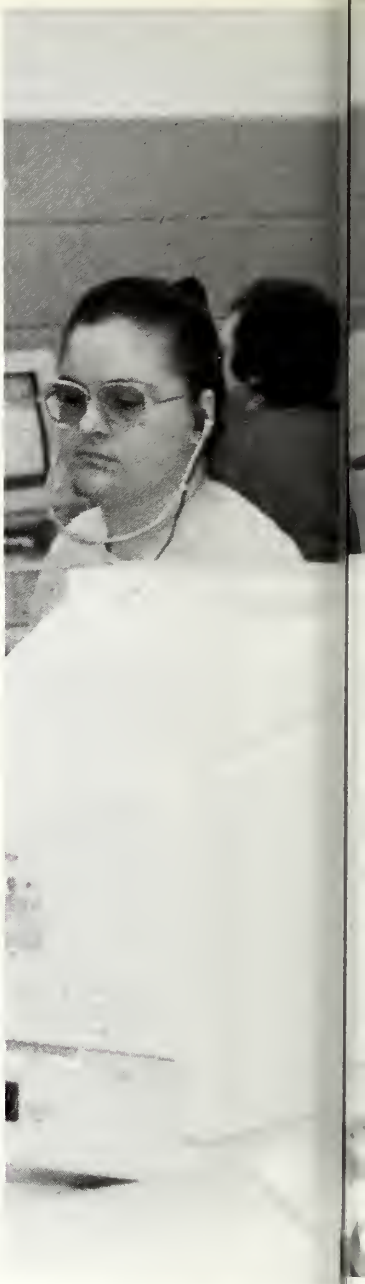
# *MAKING the RIGHT MOVES - ONE NOTE, ONE STEP at a TIME*

COLLEGIANS: (front L to R) Jim Savell, Mingo Tingle; (middle) Stehen Spire, Matt Eakes, Josh Bamberg, Richard Burton, Jason Wallace, Lori White, Johnny May, assistant band director; Ryan Clarke, Nic Massey; (back) Scott Houston, Jeremy Swindle, Shawn Houser, Tom Carson, director; Leigh Ann Graham, Kelly Melton, Sheila Oliver

Students (from R) Scott Hatcher, Fred Summerville, and Justin Nowell unload new equipment for the heating and air-conditioning program as instructor Lester Miles (on left) and Lelly Vaughn of The Service Company Inc. watch.

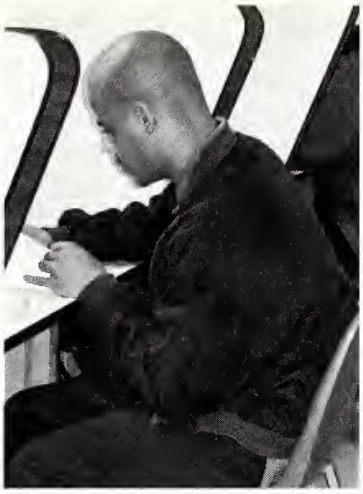
# *Developing Leadership, Service, and Work Ethics*

Mary Everett, electricity instructor, demonstrates one of her many interests, creating ceramic projects



Computer technology students work on keyboard and dictation skills for job preparation.

VICA members and faculty: (Front L to R) Nona Tucker, Mary H. Everett, instructor; Nancy Jones, Marion Craft, Sarah Griffin, instructor; (middle) Melvin Knowles, Tim Stephens, Lee M. Bailey, Jason Ward, Derrick Harvey; (back) Nic Massey, Conrad Germany, instructor; A. Bailey, instructor; Dale McNair, instructor; Frederick Lyons, instructor



Vo-Tech student John Collier works on his math skills in the independent study skills lab.

Ron Mott, electronic technology instructor, counsels with a prospective student during the summer orientation program.

PASTE members: (front L to R) Lori Ferguson, Serena Morris, Chantell Shumake, Kimberly Haynes, Brandy Rush, Carolyn Richardson, Laketa Evans; (middle) Gatretta Adams, Pachasia Thompson, LaWanda Coleman, Aretha Smith, Terri R. Green, Wanda Taylor; (back) Mary Ann Wright, instructor; Crystal McDonald, Tunya Thornton, Kiwana Norman, Deborah Young, Tasha Thomas, Chastity Gill

Sophomore officer Robin Burkes assists with serving duties during the Homecoming reception.

What would a college be like without them—the class officers, the Dorm Council, the Student Body Association? "Small loss," you might say. "Who needs 'em? They don't do anything for me."

Oh, yeah?

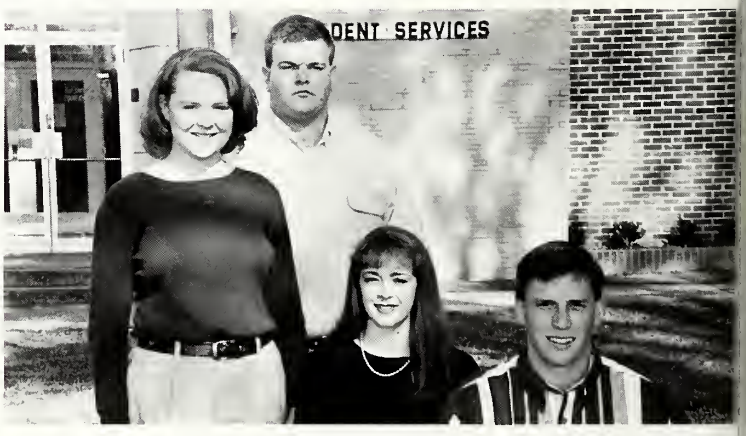
Consider EC's Homecoming '96. Imagine what it would have been like had there been no signs or celebratory activities for students and returning alumni. Thanks to the SBA, the campus sported festive balloon bouquets. The group contributed to the sign contest with a colorful entry, and members were vital to the success of the Pat Kirby concert, a highlight of Homecoming Week.

And what about Fall Festival '96—the first ever for EC? The hard-working and creative SBA treated students to a Men's Best legs Contest; a Limbo Competition; and music by volunteers, a local band, and the Gospel Choir—all spearheaded by local radio personality and familiar face Mingo Tingle.

Then there was the Sweetheart Dance. The Hot Wings Eat-Off. Spring Spree. All of these gave EC students a chance to relax and enjoy campus life.

College creates the *whole* person—and experiences such as those supported by the SBA assist in that creation. East Central Community College just wouldn't be the same without them.

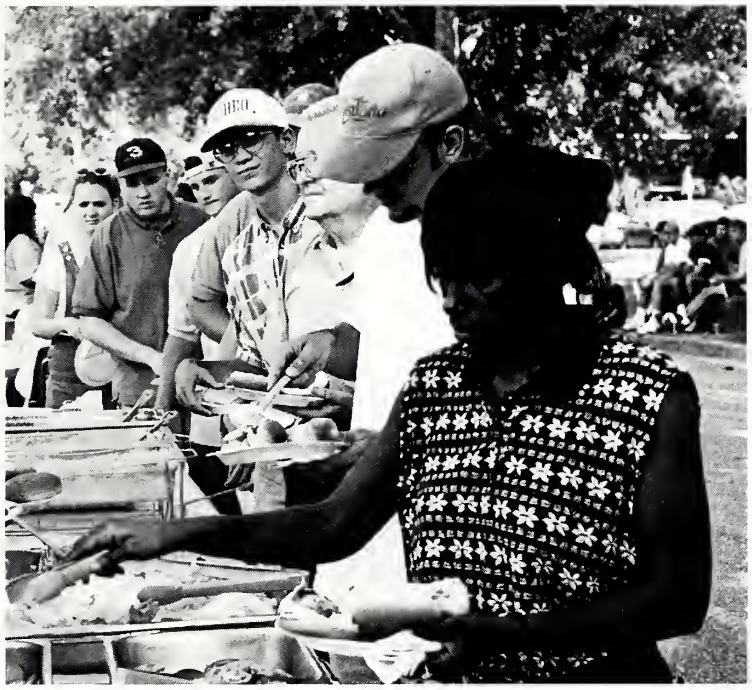
Ryan York strains to pull his group to victory in the SBA-sponsored Spring Spree.




SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS: (from left) Robin Burkes, Jim Savell, Jennifer Musgrove, Bart Gregory, president

STUDENT BODY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS: (seated from L) Jill Martin, Erica Roberson, Tonya Covington; (standing) Maurice Bowie, president; Randall Lee, Dean of Students.

SBA officer Tonya Covington talks to Newton County kindergarten students during a child psychology class visit.



Students enjoy one of the semester picnics planned by the student leaders.

# *Enriching Campus Life, Creating Special Memories*

FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS: (seated L to R) Amy Gomillion, Terri Green; (standing) Vicki McGee, Penny Johnson

Students gather for the fall festival which is planned and coordinated by the campus leadership.

# *DREAM A LITTLE DREAM or a BIG ONE*

HOSA students set up for their bake sale on the East mall. The proceeds of the sale help to fund the HOSA projects.

HOSA member Amy Smith has final touches applied to her hair style before she takes center stage in the beauty pageant.

Sophomore Association of Student Nurses: (front L to R) Patricia Fountain, Lisa Harrison, Nikki Bateman, Vertis Mosley, Clotee Harper, Evelyn Robinson, Donna Gilmer, Kim Peckham, Shannon Reed; (middle) Amanda Garrison, Theresa Brown, Dana Spears, Marilyn Rockco, Joey Crain, Shannon Thaggard, Jennifer Russell, Melissa Ivey, Edith Vowell, Linda McDill, Tammy Evans, Bruce Thomas; (back) Kim Smith, Tommy Alford, Dr. Jane Hurst, instructor; Heather Armstrong, Jason Burns, Ken Mangrum, Travis Cain, Jason Hisaw, Debbie Skinner, Brenda Kirby, instructor.

Freshman Association of Student Nurses: (first row L to R) Denise John, Tambra Walker, Melissa Hawkins, Lisa Dearman, Brenda Beck, Mesha Merchant, Sherry Brown, Andy Underwood; (second row) Amy Ezelle, Randy Howell, Donna Tubby, Michele Macoy, Connie Moore, Carol Bennett, Sandi Thrash, Marie Williams, Marilyn Reed; (third row) Lisa Hale, Kathy Brooks, April Watkins, Lisa Beeland, Victoria Lilley, Toronda Wilson, Catina Graham, Brenda Rogers, Mary Hathaway, Kevin Hayman, Robbie Beckley; (fourth row) Troye Lynn Bradshaw, Stephanie Powell, Heather Beckham, Linda Gilbert, Stephanie Peebles, Krystal Harrison, Penny Sharp, Amy Wilkes, Sandra Chisholm, Tracie Pickens

HOSA member Valerie McMullan dons her clown suit to attract students to the bake sale.

"When you wish upon a star..." the song goes. Making those wishes come true is the goal of HOSA, a popular and hard-working service organization at EC that develops leadership skills in health occupation students.

The college's HOSA chapter supports the national project, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, as well as a local one, Coats for Kids. The EC-hosted Fall Leadership Conference attracted 600 HOSA members from throughout the state for a series of workshops and officer elections; seven HOSA Warriors were winners in various categories at the '96 national conference in Chicago.

For East Central's LPN, surgical technology, and medical records students, committment is more than just a word. Together, as HOSA, they take commitment to a higher level.

Helping others seems to be HOSA's "dream come true."

HOSA members: (first row L to R) Miriam Rivers, Ronald Permenter, Annette Chapman, Amy Smith, Amy Yates, Peggy Branning, Teresa Sharp, Mavis Johnson; (second row) Kristie Pilgrim, Angela Dunkerson, Sha Alderman, Shonya Mangum, Donna Nelson, Janette Grant, Amber Grady, Janice Jacobs, instructor; (third row) Valerie McMullan, Amy Latham, Melanie Patterson, Stephanie Childress, Amber Roberts, Shela Massey, Ruth Franklin, Jennifer Lee; (fourth row) Geneva Houston, Denise Fleming, Paul Pryor, Nicole Hodge, Susan Amis, Jamie Sanderson, Ginger Stovall, Sandra Thomas, instructor

Nic Massey enjoys his performance with the "'Round Midnite" and the Collegian groups.

Fellowship. Leadership. Scholarship. Service.

Many fine organizations claim these attributes; Phi Theta Kappa embraces and enhances them. For the fourth consecutive year, East Central's Theta Xi chapter achieved a five-star level — the highest possible — on the basis of members' ambitious devotion to these hallmarks.

Other groups, notably the Warrior Corps and the President's Council, joined Phi Theta Kappa in strenuous support of the college's activities and interests.

WARRIOR Corps members are chosen after a lengthy interview process to choose EC's ambassadors.

"What is this?" queries Richard Edwards as he and Lisa Harrison investigate pieces made by the ceramics class.

Presidents' Council members meet one Monday a month to look at the activities being generated by all of the organizations.

Theta XI members of Phi Theta Kappa prepare to serve refreshments after the Arts Council program presented by Mr. Guraedy.

*Standard Bearers of Excellence Lead the Way*

PHI THETA KAPPA members (front L to R): Jim Savell, Jake Jenkins, Donnie Atkinson, Andy Sistrunk, Sammy Sullivan; (2nd row): Olivia Hamil, Karen Persons, Laquita Moore, Ashlea Renfroe, Alisha Bennett, Angela King, Stephanie Taylor, Whitney Salter, Ronald Permenter, Melissa Strickland, Renee Wheeler; (3rd row): Laura Lohrer, Detra Carter, Deanna Bankston, Jeralyn Perkins, Ginger Greer, Adella Rainer, Kelly McCoy, Allyson McPhail, Jill Martin, Kim Tew, Jerami Beard; (4th row): Karen McRae, Krisan Risher, Margie A. Stephens, Amy Boatner, LaRee Lyle, Lisa Harrison, Ginger Foster, Ben Wall, Harley Hollingsworth, Gaydon Richardson; (back): Lee Rigdon, Jason Wade, Justin Thornton, Ricky Frazier, Kenny McMillan, Sam White, Matt Eakes, Justin Miles, Jonathan Sharp, Richard Edwards, Brian Shaw

'Round Midnite Blues Band entertains basketball fans during game breaks and half-times.

*Music Is Their Middle Name*

Misty Smith (in center) encourages fellow band members Kimberly Haynes and Jason Jones to try balancing horns on their heads.

'Round Midnite Blues Band members seem to be looking for some blues inspiration. (L to R) Ryan Clarke, Nic Massey, Johnny May, Shawn Houser, Tom Carson

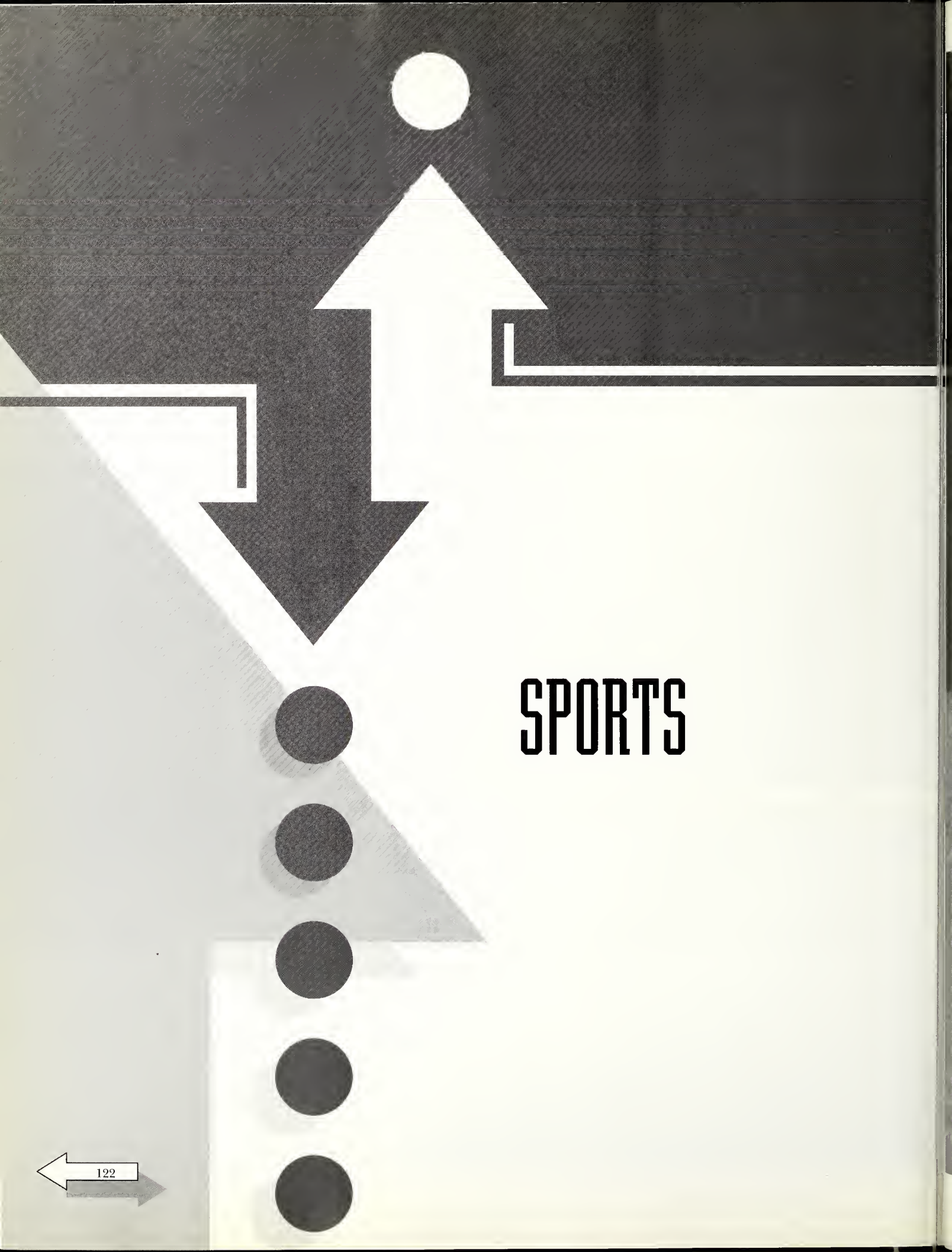
CONCERT BAND MEMBERS prepare for the spring concert which will feature the band in several selections. These members are chosen through auditions from the larger marching band for spring semester performances.

Nicole Simpson concentrates on keeping her rifle in motion as she moves through the steps of the half-time show.

East Central is fast becoming a music-lover's haven.

The proof can be found in the diversified talents and performances of the college's jazz band, concert band, and blues band, 'Round Midnite. Throughout the year, these skillful men and women inspired and entertained audiences as they put ECCC on the "musical map."

JAZZ BAND members take a break from rehearsals to create a "jazzy" picture.



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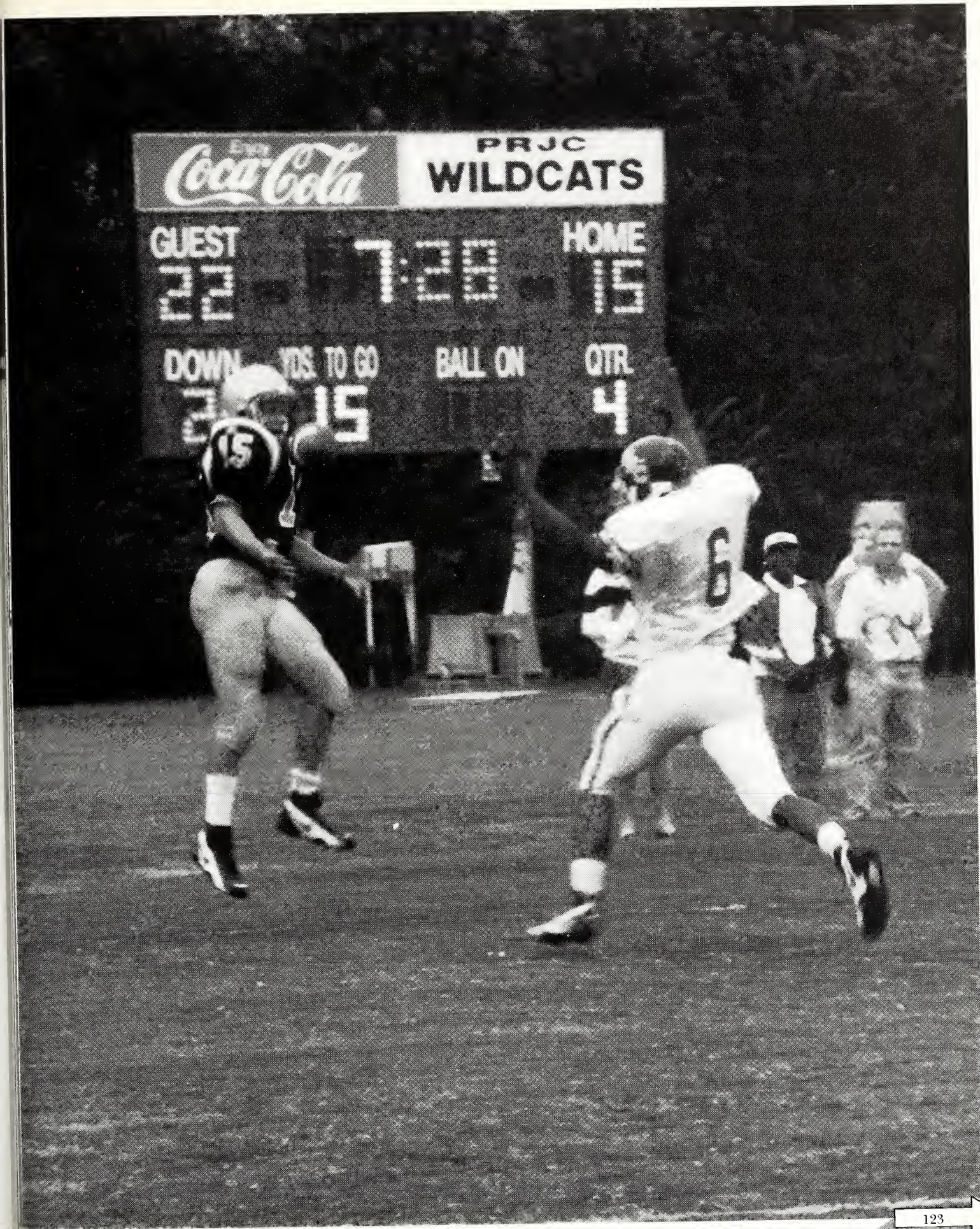
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# Warriors Set Sights on Winning!!

| ECCC | OPPONENTS | |
|---|---|---|
| 13 | Holmes | 6 |
| 36 | NEMCC | 7 |
| 20 | NWMCC | 15 |
| 20 | Itawamba | 17 |
| 22 | PRCC | 15 |
| 28 | Gulf Coast | 23 |
| 45 | Jones (HC) | 26 |
| 20 | Co-Lin | 14 |
| 41 | SWMCC | 6 |
| 7 | Hinds CC | 45 |

"Persistence prevails when all else fails." This statement sums up the feelings and actions of the EC Warriors football squad. The team hit the gridiron hot and heavy this year after a record 2-8 season in 1995. The return of 19 lettermen and four coaches to the field meant there was no holding back. In addition to a great new recruiting class and a new defensive lineman coach, the '96 Warriors refused to be the MISSISSIPPI WHIPPING BOY. During the training season, the team set a personal goal of going 10-0. With a great new outlook and a goal in mind, the Warriors took off for a great start in a heavy campaign. Game after game, the Warriors surprised their fans and began to build the confidence that is deserved of a Warrior.

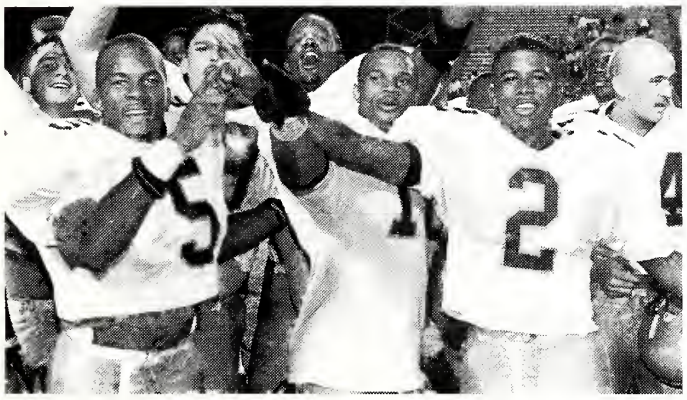
As the team entered the field during each game, a new era of EC footbal began. Coach Willie Coats in his second year at the Warrior helm, took a grea group of young and experi enced players and mad them a GREAT TEAM Coach Jon Williams joined as the new defensive line man coach this season and brought some much need ed experience and abilitie with him. The greatnes that began will continu for a long time after thi Warrior squad is gone.

After an upsetting loss t the HCC Eagles, the War riors fell short of reachin their goal but still experi enced the thrill of a bow game invitation. O December 7, 1996, th Warriors faced off with th Middle Georgia Colleg Warriors in the Huddl House Golden Isles Bow Classic. As EC's fines headed for Brunswick Georgia, hearts beat fast would our team "brin home the gold"?

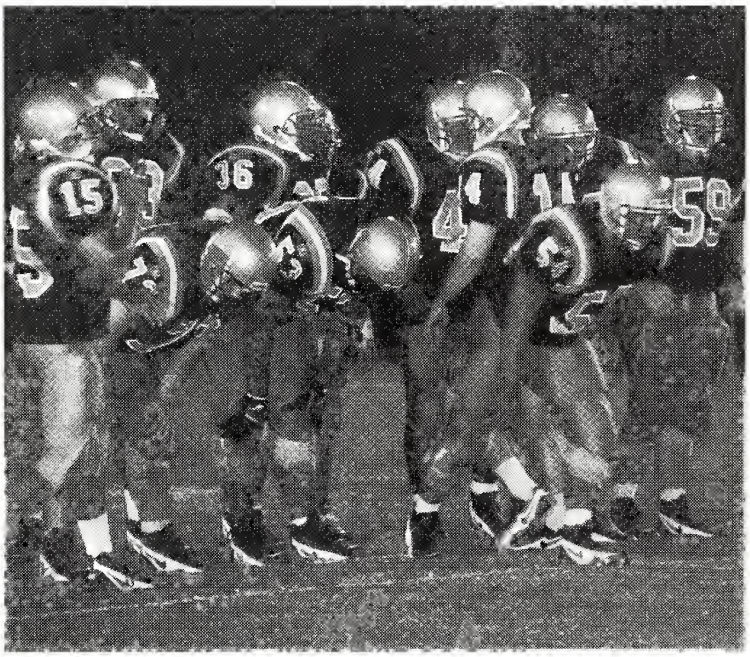
**Huddle House Golden Isles Bowl Champs**

# *WARRIORS-BOWL BOUND!!!*

ECCC FOOTBALL TEAM (1st row L to R): Xavier Thomas, Calvin Williams, Shaun Walker, William Johnson, Ashanti Webb, Mack Pittman, Mark Thomas, Kemba Bryant, Al Hunt, Ernie Stribling, Jake Kizziah, Calvin Johnson, Chriss Arrington; (2nd row): Joey Pinkston, Nathan Russell, Derrell Reed, Joseph Anders, Chris Crosby, Tim Livingston, Jeff Rowell, Billy Singleton, Edwin Moore, Steve Bradford, Jimmy Kincaid, Zachary Sanders, William Curry, Terry Dugas; (3rd row): Brad Evans (manager), Kevin Blanks, Neal Keeton, Chad Neese, Delvin Rainer, Byron Johnson, Bo Thomas, Wilbert Holmes, Tyquan Taylor, Dejuan Clark, Ryan Stokley, Charles Pease, Cary Ashford, Brian Harpole, Patrick Bacon (manager); (4th row): Earl Truss, Russel McCann, Corey Hamler, Jason Nixon, Letrail Cistrunk, coaches Fredrick Lyons, Juan Beckum, Willie Coats (head), Jon Williams, Timmy Coats and Terry Underwood; Cyrus Ben, Undeon Hardy, Horace Nash, Kendrick Clancy.



#59 asks for a play from the sideline.



Warriors cheer for their 1st victory!

Warriors break huddle for another victory!

# *FANTASTIC SEASON*

The Mack Truck coming at cha!

"Hey sports fans, watch this arm," says Al Hunt, 312.

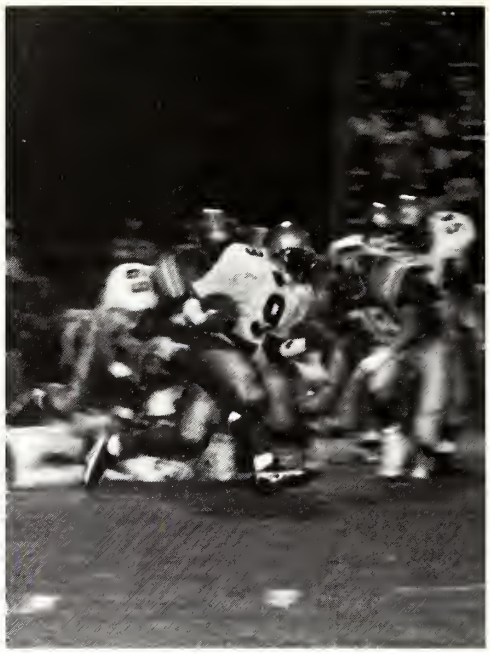
Mack gives #6 from PRC a quick stop and go.

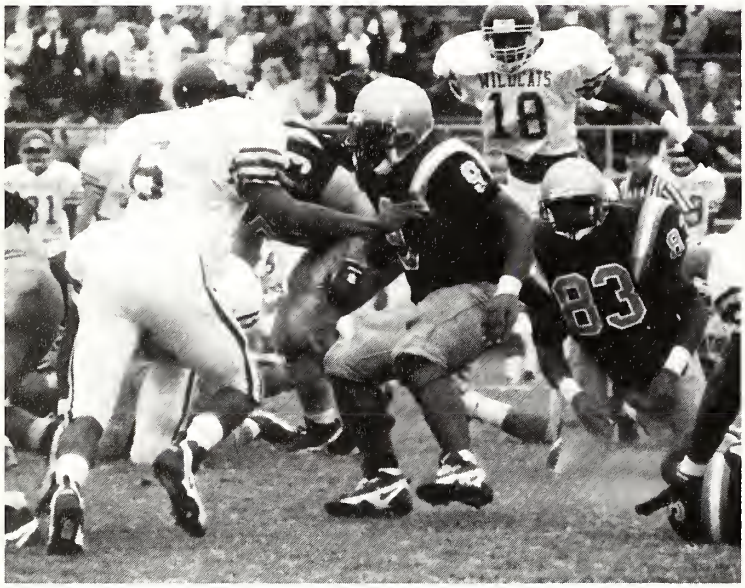
Warrior pep talk from Coach Coats.

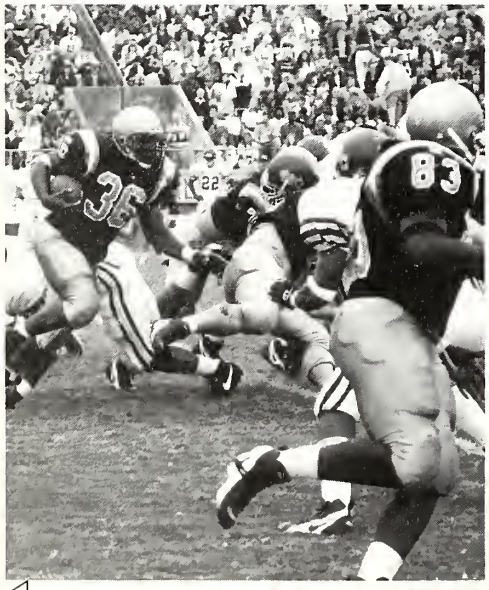
Bradford #36 makes a run for the goal.

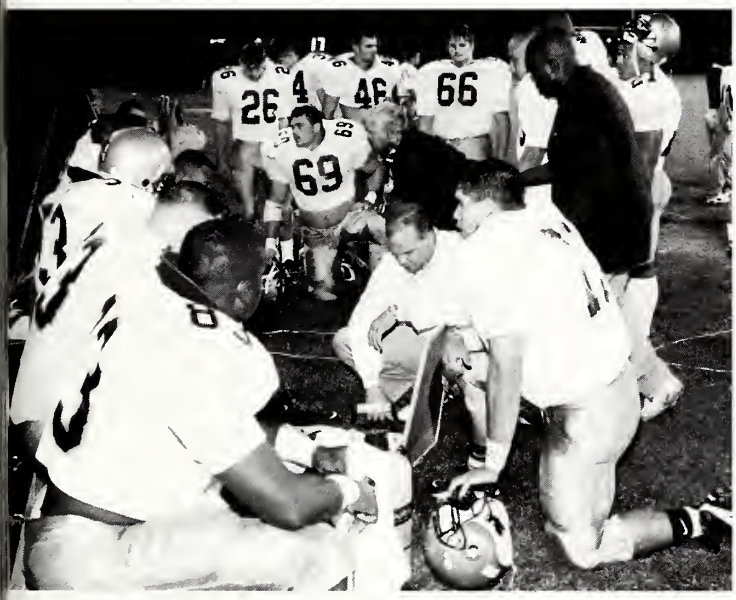
Livingston #26 is in a tight hold from NEMCC #15.

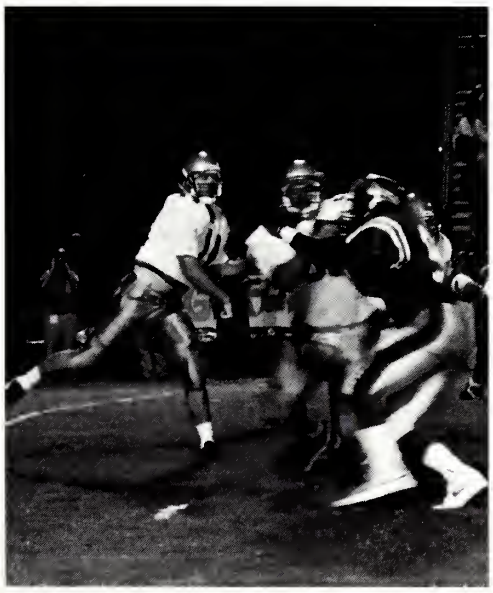
Reed gives PRC no hole to go thru.











# *WARRIOR MOMENTS*

#9 on the ball.

#99 is ready and waiting for the snap.

#12 found a hole and is going for it.

Coach Williams and his BOYS!!

#53 asks "Where's the ball?"

A trainer's job is never done.

Jake has the ball off to complete the pass.

Jason Smith clears the boards for Warrior rebound control!

*Warrior Basketball*

# Ready to Play

The Warrior basketball squad returned nine sophomores, all over six feet tall, to the playing court. Along with the electrifying plays of the taller members of the squad, fans were thrilled with the hustle and quickness of 5'8" freshman Danielle Johnson, who could mix with the tallest of players.

Excitement filled the Brackeen-Wood gym each time the Warriors dribbled onto the court. The fans were assured of seeing fast-paced ball, high-jumping rebounding, 3-point shooting, and heart-stopping close games.

## EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

| | |
|---|---|
| NOV. 4 Monday | JONES TOURNAMENT |
| NOV. 5 Tuesday | JONES TOURNAMENT |
| NOV. 11 Monday | EAST MISSISSIPPI |
| * NOV. 18 Monday | EAST MISSISSIPPI |
| NOV. 21 Thursday | MISSISSIPPI DELTA |
| * DEC. 3 Tuesday | PEARL RIVER |
| DEC. 5 Thursday | SOUTHWEST |
| * DEC. 7 Saturday 1:00 P.M. Women Only | BISHOP STATE |
| DEC. 13-14 Friday/Saturday Men Only | BISHOP STATE AL TOURNEY |
| DEC. 14 Saturday 2:00 p.m. Women Only | BISHOP STATE |
| * JAN. 3 Friday 6:00 P.M. Women | DELTA |
| * JAN. 4 Saturday 6:00 P.M. Women | DELGADO |
| * JAN. 4 Saturday 8:00 P.M. Men | DELTA |
| JAN. 7 Tuesday | GULF COAST |
| JAN. 9 Thursday | HOLMES |
| JAN. 11 Saturday Women 1:00 P.M., Men 3:00 P.M. | SOUTHERN U. |
| * JAN. 13 Monday | HINDS |
| * JAN. 16 Thursday | JONES |
| JAN. 21 Tuesday | CO-LIN |
| JAN. 23 Thursday | PEARL RIVER |
| * JAN. 27 Monday | SOUTHWEST |
| * JAN. 30 Thursday | GULF COAST |
| * FEB. 3 Monday | HOLMES |
| FEB. 6 Thursday | HINDS |
| * FEB. 6 Saturday Women 1:00 P.M., Men 3:00 P.M. | SOUTHERN U. |
| FEB. 10 Monday | JONES |
| * FEB. 13 Thursday | CO-LIN |
| FEB. 17-20 Monday - Thursday | CO-LIN SOUTH STATE TOURNEY |
| FEB. 24-25 Monday & Tuesday | STATE TOURNEY/SOUTH BOYS CHAMP |
| MAR. 3-6 Monday - Thursday | REGION 23 TOURNEY/MSS. COLLEGE |

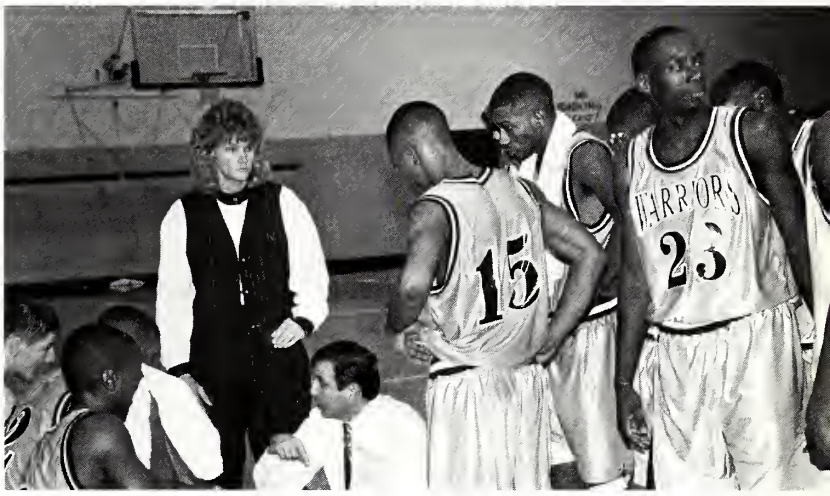
*HOME GAME

GAME TIME: WOMEN 6:00 P.M. • MEN 7:45 P.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Team members (front L to R): Chris Haralson, Paul Moffett, Herbert Montgomery, Joe Gree, Danielle Johnson, Desmond Reed, Barry Richardson, Toronto Parker, Chris VanEtten; (back): Marty Cooper, coach; Jennifer Cooper, assistant coach; Jason Smith, Gilberto Venzen, Freddie Jowers, Maurice Bowie, Robert Earl Shepherd, Gary Butler, Maurice Jones, Darrick Massey, Patrick Bacon, Joey McLeod

Darrick Massey helps his teammates defend the goal as a wave of black and gold surges forward.

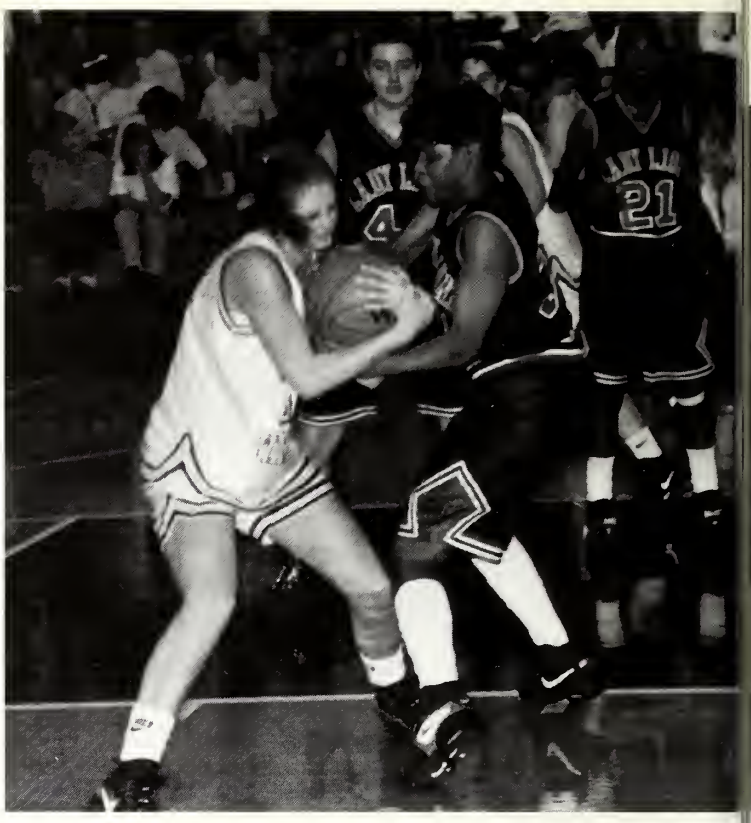
BINGO! another two points on the board!



Coach Marty Cooper goes over a change in the game plan as assistant Jennifer Cooper and the team members listen.

Robert Earl Shepherd adds another two points to the score!

Freddie Jowers jumps into the air to gain control over the tip-off.



Kim Migliore refuses to give up as she ties the ball to help gain EC possession.

*Lady Warriors*

# Ready to Hustle

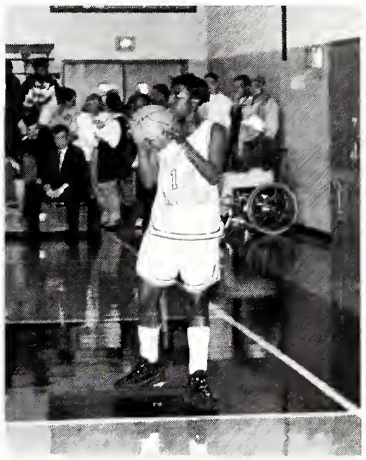
The Lady Warriors basketball team started the season with five returnees from last year's MACJC South Division Champions, a second straight victory. The returnees recognized the difficult battle ahead because all other South Division teams would be out to dethrone the title-holders.

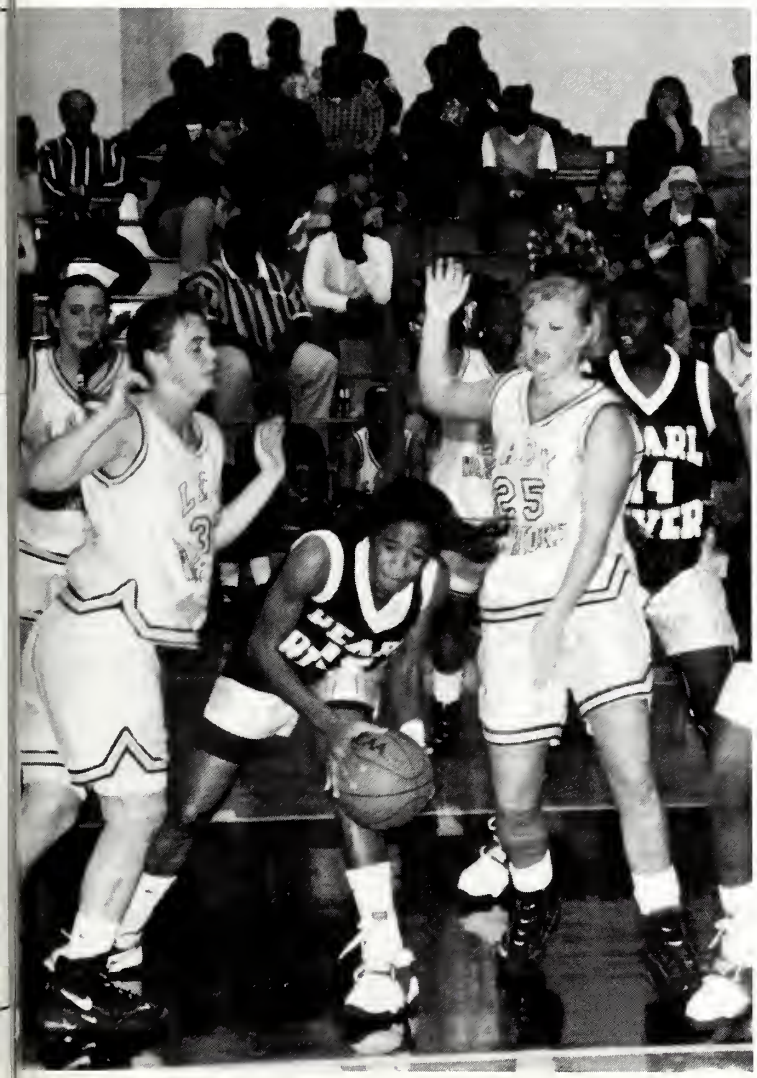
Coached by Sammy Pace, who was the 1995-96 Women's Basketball Coach of the Year, the experienced team members joined forces with the newcomers to put together a well-balanced team with an equally good bench back-up. As the season drew to a close, the Lady Warriors faced the distinct possibility of surpassing their previous record.

Lady Warriors (Front L to R): Jennifer Musgrove, Cheretta Perry, Lakeisha Kennedy, Felicaa Brantley, Nicole Barrett, Sandra Lampki (Back): Monica Craig, Tara Hall, Jamie Floyd, Kim Migliore, Danyelle Johnson, Olivia McDaniel, Stephanie Houston, Chazz Thompson, Stephanie Gray

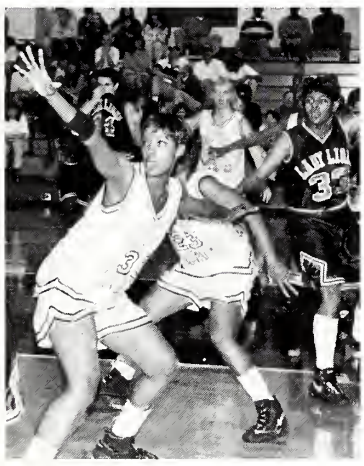
Lakeshia Kennedy retrieves the ball as the Lady Warriors move the ball down the court.

Nicole Barrett looks down court for the perfect fast-break pass.





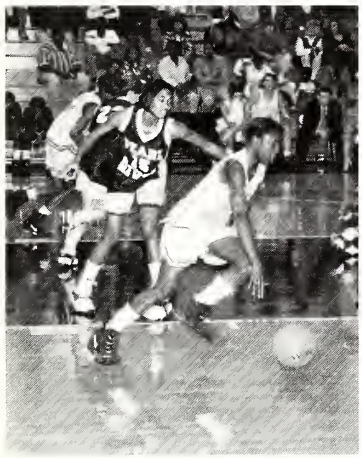
Coach Sammy Pace instructs his team on some needed changes and adjustments in the game plan.

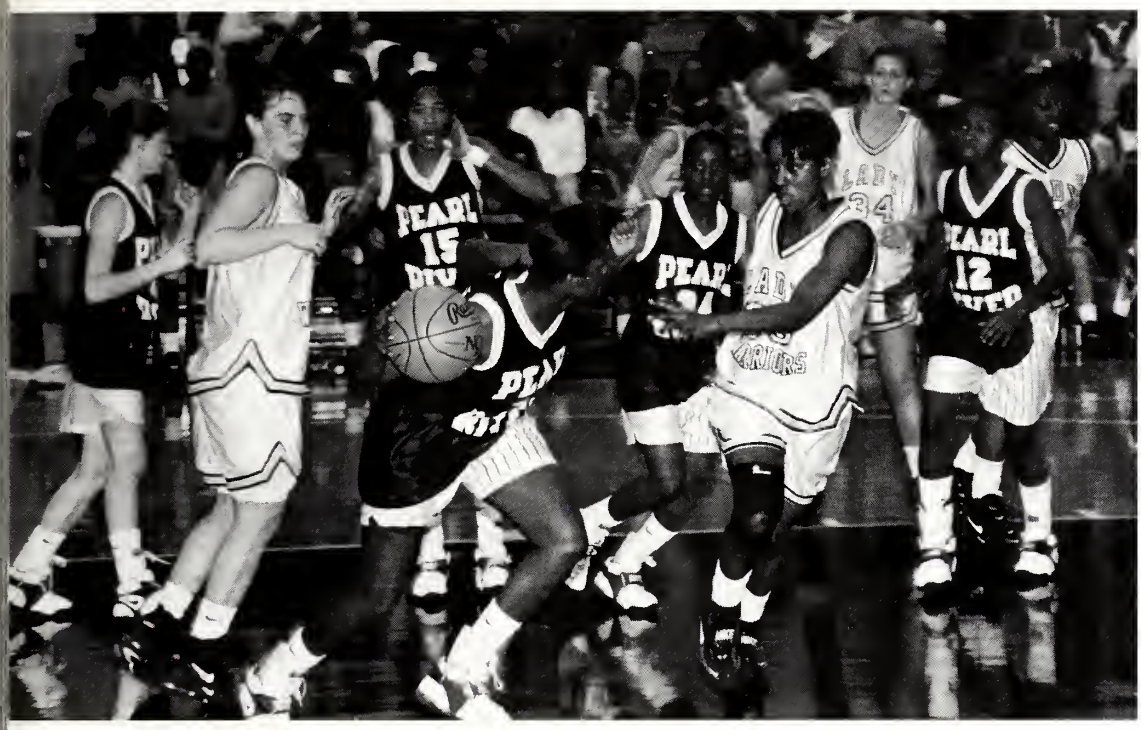


Jamie Floyd works to keep the opposition away from the goal as she defends her position.

Stephanie Houston and Olivia McDaniel effectively apply the block on an unsuspecting opposition member.

# *Warrior Basketball in Action*

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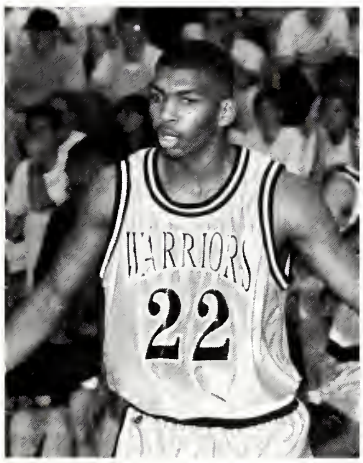
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# Winning Anticipation!

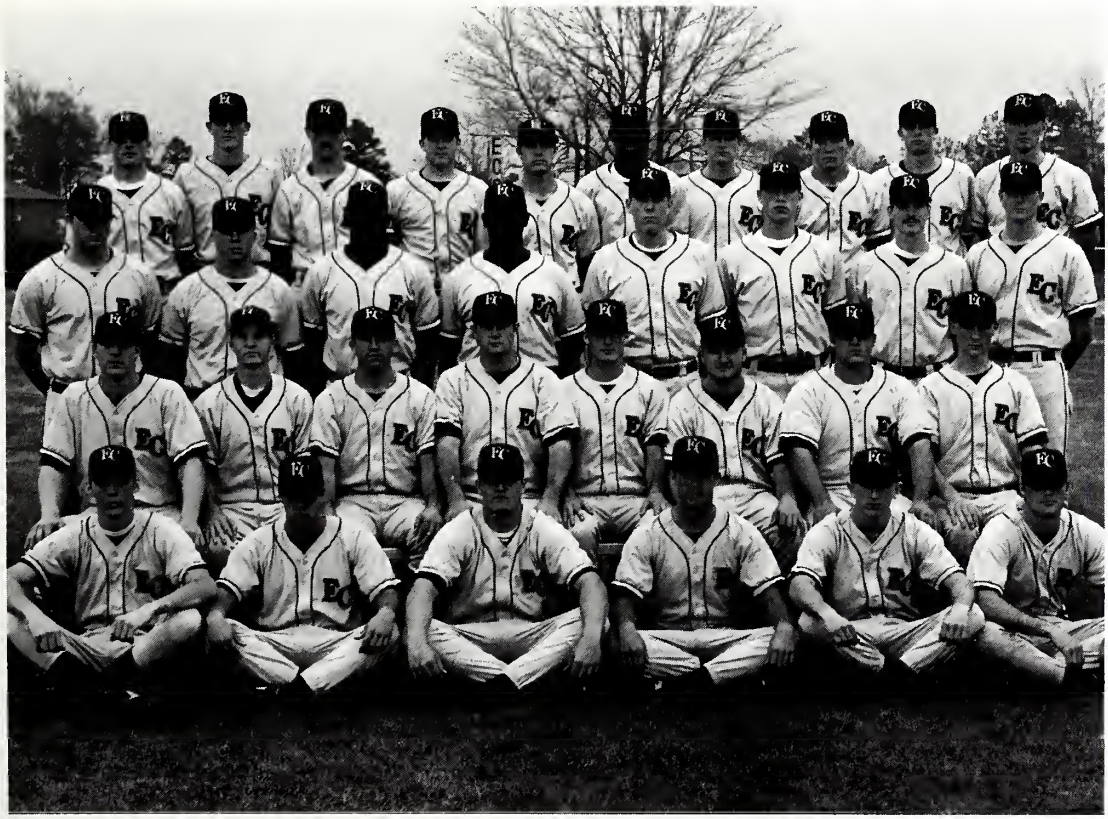
Warriors heavy hitters from Left are B. Williams, Dumas, Weaver, Crowe, Thames, Ivy, Jacobs, Garrity, Butler, Bailey, Wood

Only two pitchers return to the mound with promising freshmen. (front L to R) Cumberland, Tullos, Hardy, Latham, Dixon, McMillan, Herbert; (back) Murry, Davis, Thames, Ivy, Gressett, Smith, Matherne

The DIAMOND GIRLS are selected through an interview process. They work at all of the home baseball games, performing various duties: operating the concession stand, collecting fly balls, and picking up bats. The members worked hard this year on fund raisers to help them purchase T-shirts and wind pants. They also received their new jackets which they model so well. (Front L to R): Stephanie Cook, Tonya Williamson, Christina Miller, Jill Martin, Tonya Covington, Sherie Bradford; (middle): Lisa Nelson, Jill Ray, Whitney Salter, Leslie Nelson, Mandy Smith, Heather Munn; (back): Vickie McGee, Julie Clanton, Adria Stamper, Robin Burkes, Wendy Davis, Amy Gomillion

Warrior Captains: Jonathan Crowe and Brandon Williams

Catchers: Garrity, Jacobs, J. Smith



Warrior Baseball Team: (front L to R) Dan Gressett, Eric Weaver, Jonathan Crowe, Monte McMullen, Rusty Cumberland, Seth Hebert; (2nd row) Paul Clearman, Bump Bailey, Jason Bailey, Dean Murry, Nick Dumas, Zach Sanders, Shawn Jacobs, Kenny McMillon; (3rd row) Greg Wood, Mick Garrity, Marcus Thames, Ray Ivy, Eric Butler, Travis Matherne, Mark Davis, Coleman Smith; (back) Ron Perkins, Chris Tullos, Steve Dixon, Brian Hardy, Brandon Williams, Bo Grace, Jay McClendon, Joey Smith, Kevin Grier, assistant coach Shannon Cooley

DIAMOND WARRIORS

| | |
|---|---|
| Alabama Southern | away |
| Belhaven (JV) | home |
| Delgado | away |
| Wallace State | home |
| Copiah-Lincoln | home |
| Holmes | away |
| Southwest | away |
| Holmes | home |
| Alabama Southern | home |
| Itawamba | away |
| Northwest | away |
| Jackson State (TN) | home |
| Three Rivers | home |
| Hinds | home |
| Three Rivers | home |
| Jones | away |
| Gulf Coast | home |
| Danville | home |
| Pearl River | home |
| Northwest | home |
| Copiah-Lincoln | away |
| East Mississippi | home |
| Southwest | home |
| Itawamba | home |
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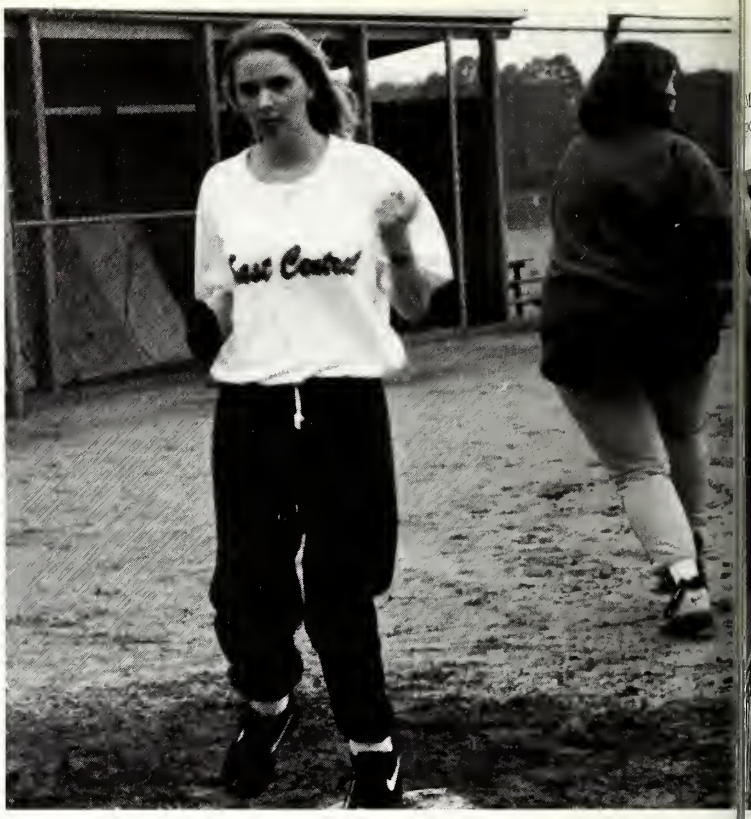
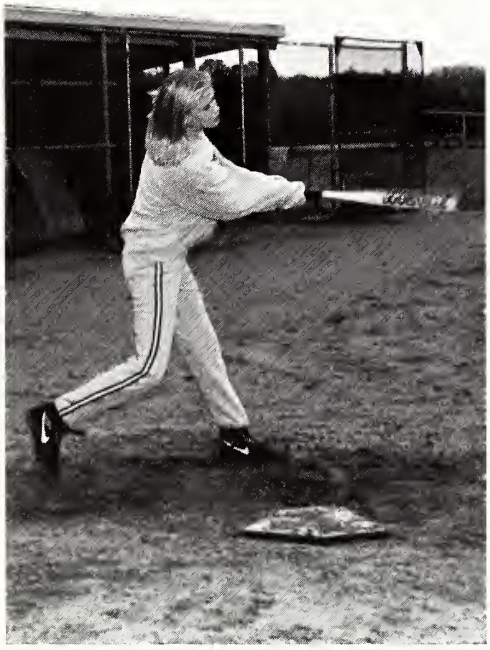
| Jones | home |
| East Mississippi | away |
| Gulf Coat | away |
| Pearl River | away |

Stephanie Craig gives the "all right!" sign as she crosses home plate.



April Sanderson keeps her eyes on the ball as she levels the bat for a solid hit.



Olivia McDaniel practices her swing to combine level attacks with the bat and power of swing.

LADY DIAMOND WARRIORS. (front L to R) Paula Crawford, Stephani Gray, Sandra Lampkin, Regena McGraw, Christy Sanders, (middle): April Sanderson, Olivia McDaniel, Dana Withers, Kathy Moulds, Carla Phillips, Joanie Winstead, mgr.; (back): Davis Fulton, mgr.; Margaret Vance, Stephanie Craig, Kim Migliorie, Amy Moore, capt.; Elizabeth Travis, Christy Snow, mgr.

Margaret Vance crosses home plate to add another point during the intra-squad scrimmage.

*Lady Diamond Warriors are*

# *Exceptionally Spirited*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| February | 22 | Bishop State | Home |
| | 25 | East Mississippi | Away |
| | 27 | East Mississippi | Home |
| March | 1 | Moss Point Tourn. | Away |
| | 3 | Holmes | Home |
| | 6 | Mississippi Delta | Away |
| | 17 | Mississippi Delta | Home |
| | 18 | Hinds | Home |
| | 19 | Co-Lin | Away |
| | 22 | Coke Slamfest | Meridian |
| | 25 | Pearl River | Away |
| | 26 | Gulf Coast | Home |
| | 31 | Holmes | Away |
| April | 2 | Hinds | Away |
| | 3 | Co-Lin | Home |
| | 4-5 | Northeast Tourn. | Away |
| | 7 | Southwest | Home |
| | 8 | Jones | Away |
| | 10 | Gulf Coast | Away |
| | 15 | Jones | Home |
| | 16 | Pearl River | Home |
| | 17 | Southwest | Away |

# Developing Powerhouses

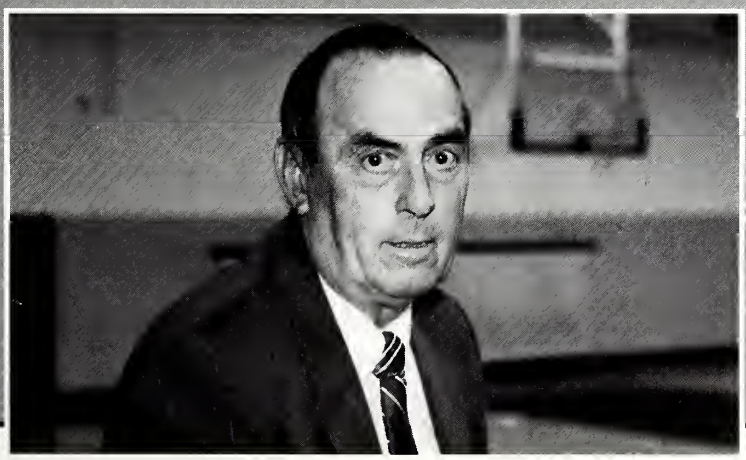
Warrior Tennis schedule

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Feb. | 25 | Southwest* |
| Feb. | 27 | Holmes |
| March | 5 | Itawamba (at MUW) (women) |
| March | 5 | Co-Lin * (men) |
| March | 6 | Hinds |
| March | 18 | Co-Lin * (women) |
| March | 20 | Jones |
| March | 24 | Gulf Coast |
| March | 25 | Northeast* |
| March | 26 | Holmes * |
| March | 31 | Mary Holmes (women) |
| April | 1 | Mary Holmes* (women) |
| April | 3 | Northeast |
| April | 4 | Northwest* |
| April | 5 | Pearl River |
| April | 7 | Co-Lin |
| April | 8 | Pearl River* |
| April | 10 | Gulf Coast |
| April | 11 | Hinds * |
| April | 15 | Itawamba |
| April | 16 | Jones * |

The women's tennis team has had a productive start and all the members are set to go.

Golf team members look forward to sunny, warm days out on the golf course.

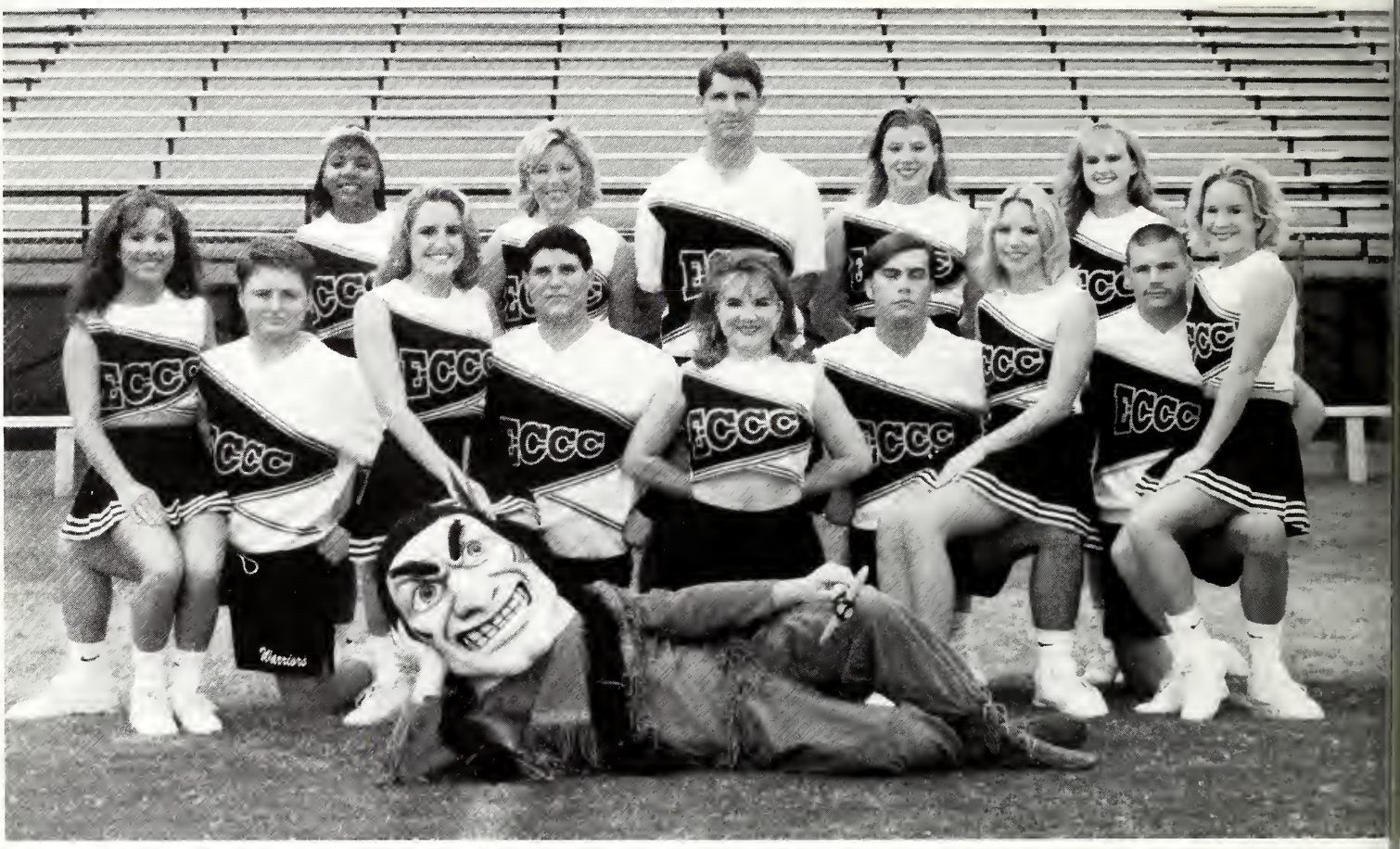
The men's tennis team looks forward to as good a year on the courts as they had in last year's classrooms.



34 years of coaching and teaching come to an official end as Joe Clark closes out his varied career at EC.

The growth in numbers of the male cheerleaders has boosted the gymnastic and stunt ability for the group.

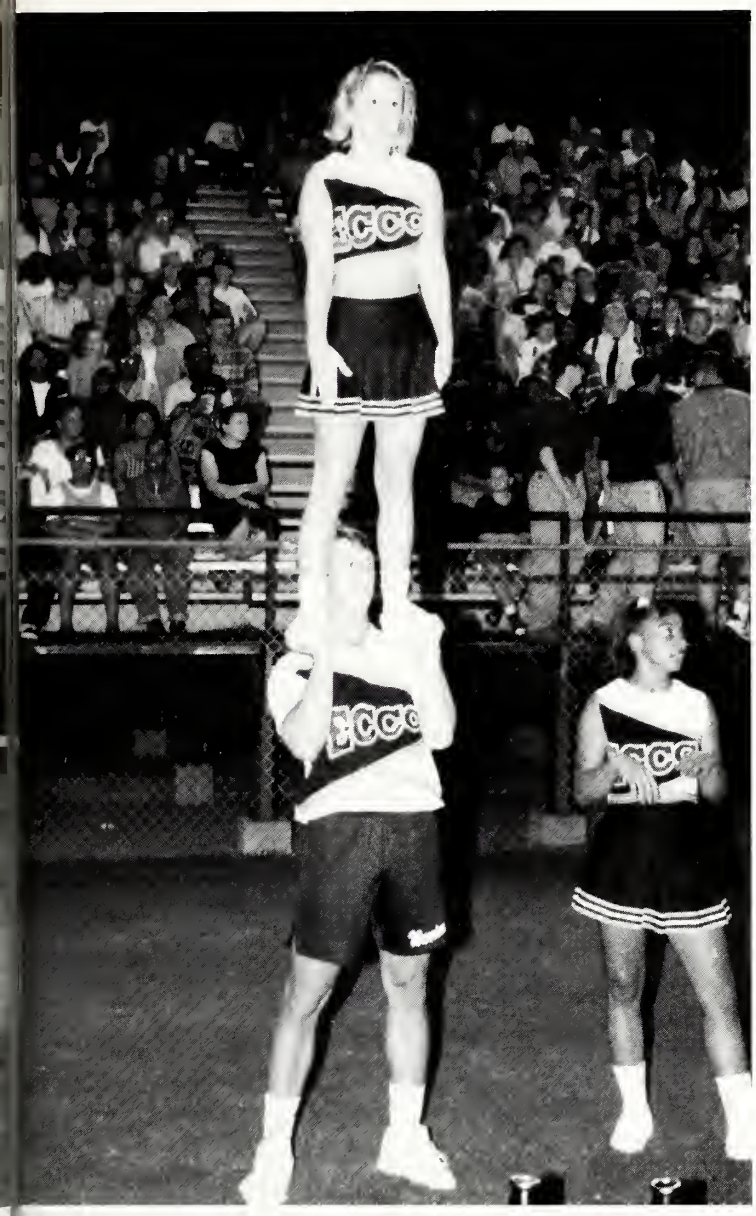
Cheerleaders: (front L to R) Tonya Covington, Bill Johnson, Crystal Cooley, Patrick Moore, Stephanie Rasco, Wade Breazeale, Joni French, Bryan Madison, Heather Munn; (Back) Kristie Temple, Kristi Martin, Ryan White, Emily Jenkins, Kelly Melton, and the Warrior Gabriel Miller.



Cheerleaders routinely perform stunts and handstands for the audience's delight and dismay!

Kristie Temple is lifted into the air to cheer the Warriors on. It's just a part of the game to the cheerleaders!

Heather Munn seems right at home in her partner's hands as they await the all-important kick-off.



Mascot Gabe Miller performs a warrior dance as the cheerleaders and Centralettes back him up.

Some cheerleaders double as basketball cheerleaders- a mighty busy year for them.

# Stunts and Backflips Are a Crowd Pleaser

## *Cheerleaders Set the tone for Enthusiasm and Spirit*

Do I cheer because I am loud?

Do I cheer because I want to be part of a team?

Do I cheer because I date a ball player?

The answer to one or all to these questions could be YES. Yet, cheerleading has changed so much over the years that a person who becomes a cheerleader now must also be a virtual gymnast. Even though dance has always had a place in most cheerleading events, the ordinary dance forms have been replaced by tumbles, back-hand flips, tucks, and pyramids. So, in addition to learning new cheers, chants, and dances, cheering groups must now also learn new gymnastic movements. To ensure proper training in the many gymnastic moves, a local gymnastic instructor was employed to teach an adjunct class for the cheering squad. The extra training gave the cheering squad more cofindence in the athletic abilities which they already possessed and gave the fans a much more exciting routine to watch. However, the entire sideline seemed to hold a collective breath when the pyramids were built and some of the girls were thrown high into the air! Yet, the cheering squad never flinches; it's all just a part of a normal day's activities.

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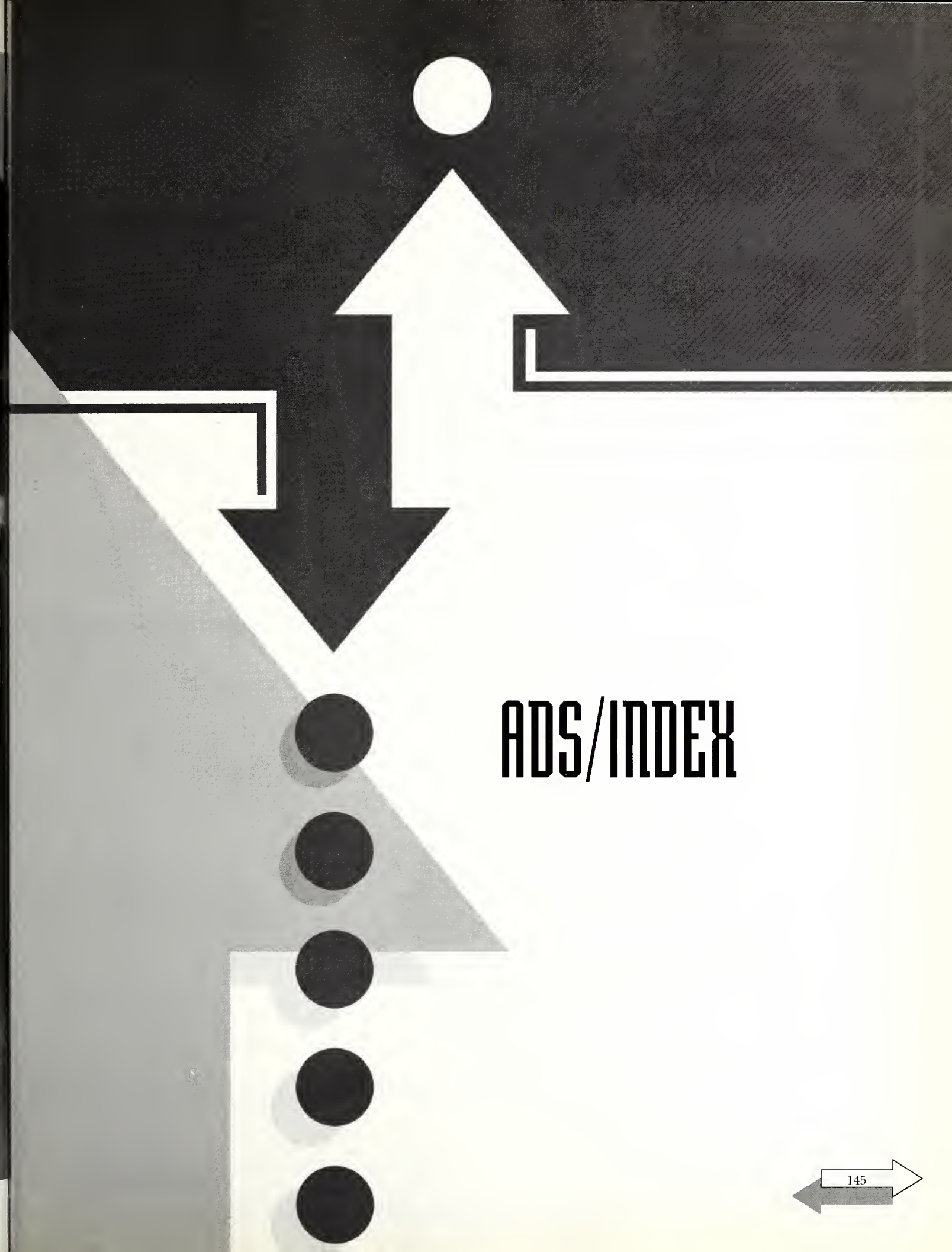

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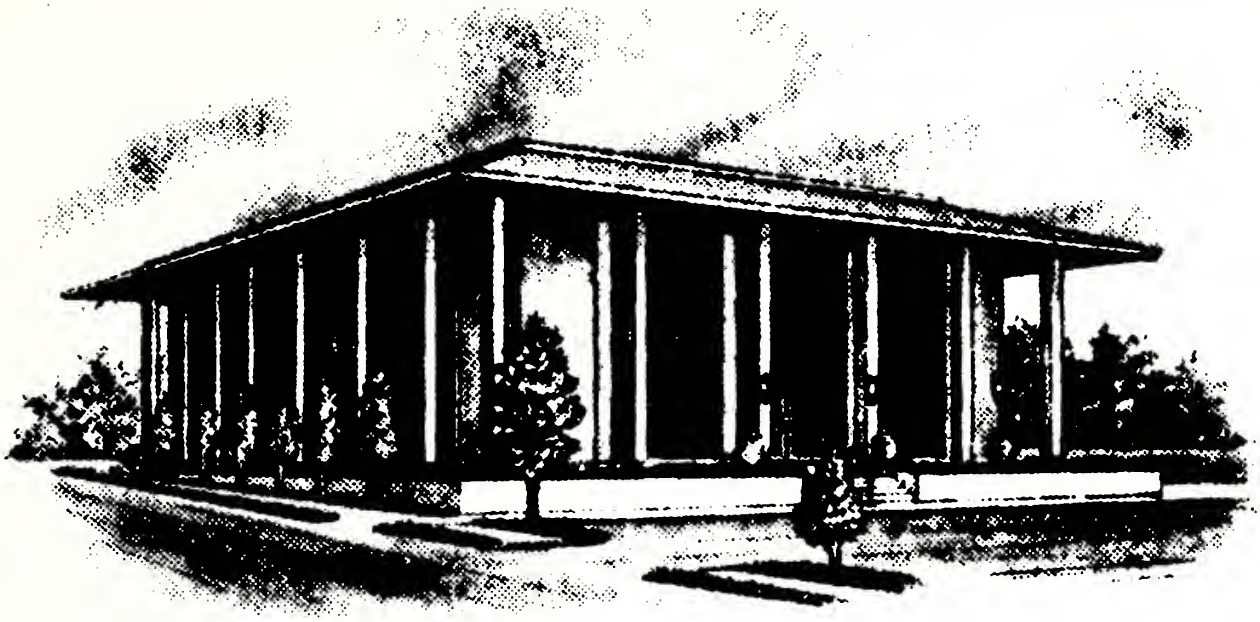

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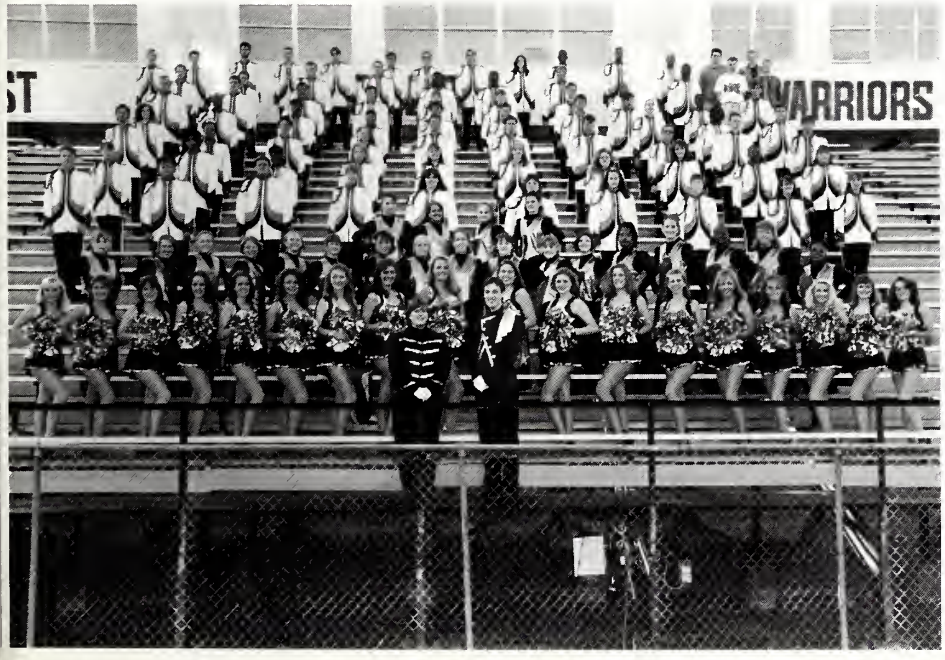

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